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'Giant international effort' needed

Thatcher sets tough global warming target

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

MRS Margaret Thatcher yesterday called for a "giant international effort" to save the Earth from the consequences of global warming, and committed Britain to curbing its own emissions of carbon dioxide.

The Prime Minister pledged to stabilize UK emissions at the present levels by the year 2005, provided other nations did their share. She announced her target as the world's leading meteorologists reported unanimously that industrial gases are on the point of heating the atmosphere more than ever in the history of the planet.

Painting a picture of forests and croplands dying, islands disappearing as sea levels rise, "great migrations" of environmental refugees and "people crying out for water", Mrs Thatcher endorsed the report of the science working group of the UN's inter-governmental panel on climate change.

Opening the centre for climate prediction and research at the Meteorological Office headquarters in Bracknell, Berkshire, she said: "If the panel's predictions are broadly right, the world could become hotter than at any time in the last 100,000 years."

Britain was prepared to set itself the "very demanding target" of stabilizing total UK emissions of CO_2 at present levels by the year 2005 as part of "a wide international effort, with a fair distribution of the burden". It would tackle its 3 per cent share of world CO_2 emissions "provided others are ready to take their full share". There was speculation that she may have been referring to the United States, which has shown reluctance to act over global warming.

Mrs Thatcher said details of how the target was to be achieved would be spelt out in the environment White Paper to be published in the autumn, but she said it would mean "significant adjustments to our economies — more efficient power stations, cars which use less fuel, better insulated houses and better management of energy in general".

The British target was immediately condemned as inadequate by environmental pressure groups. It falls far short of the 60 per cent immediate cut in CO_2 emissions the scientists said was necessary to stabilize greenhouse gases at present levels.

The chairman of the working group, Dr John Houghton, Chief Executive of Britain's Meteorological Office, said at the launch of the report yesterday that if Mrs Thatcher's stabilization programme were repeated worldwide, it would not stop the rise in temperatures, although it would slow down the rate of increase. "It buys us time," he said, adding that he did think the announcement was a "significant effort".

Dr Houghton, whose report predicts that global mean temperatures will have risen by a full degree by 2025 if no action is taken, and by three degrees by the end of the next century. Such increases were "outside the range of historic or prehistoric experience". "If we continue to the middle of the next century, the actual average temperature of the globe will be greater than any temperature the Earth has experienced in the past 100,000 years. We are getting outside the range where we know about the ability of ecosystems or even human beings to adapt."

The Prime Minister said a one degree rise in temperature would lead forests to move 100 kilometres farther north, and some ordinary farming crops might move as much as 200 to 300 kilometres.

Speaking of a conversation she had with the president of the Maldive Islands in the Indian Ocean, Mrs Thatcher said: "None of his country is more than six feet above sea level and a significant overall rise in the sea level could be one less member of the Commonwealth.

"Other low lying countries like Bangladesh would be badly affected, and there would surely be a great migration of population away from areas of the world liable to flooding, and from areas of declining rainfall and therefore of spreading desert. Those people will be crying out not for oil wells but for water."

The threats to the atmosphere from industrial gas emissions would be compounded, Mrs Thatcher said, with the rapid increase now expected in the world's population. "When I was born, the world's population was some 2 billion people. My grandson is going to grow up in a world of more than 6 billion people, and the predictions are that we shall have 10 billion people by the middle of the next century. Problems are bound to arise as a result of going from 2 billion to 10 billion in such a short time. The world's never known anything like it."

The Prime Minister's speech was last night sharply criticized by Mr Neil Kinnock, who said her stance would not solve the problem. The Labour leader doubted her commitment to invest enough money and resources. "If we don't make the investment now then the failure will cost us the Earth," he said. "Money allocated in the right places with the right scientific processes and research will provide the answers."

Mr Ian Flindell, the Green party's spokesman on energy, said: "We are disappointed that she has not met even the United Nations target of a 60 per cent reduction in emissions, which they say is needed now. We will still be behind our European partners which are setting targets to be met by the year 2000, five years before Mrs Thatcher's target."

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JULIAN HERBERT

Warning to her theme: Mrs Thatcher at the opening of Britain's climate prediction and research centre in Bracknell

Air and ferry strikes threaten holidays

By Tom Giles

BANK holiday flights faced disruption yesterday after about 7,000 British Airways maintenance staff went on indefinite, unofficial strike to protest against new shift arrangements.

BA said the action would not affect long-haul or domestic flights because 300 trained management engineers had been called in. A spokesman said: "We are confident we can continue to operate and service flights indefinitely. There is absolutely no threat to safety."

Elsewhere, travellers face the threat of delays by land, sea and air as the weekend gets under way — in seemingly time-honoured fashion — with strikes and forecasts of broken sunshine. French air traffic controllers and sea ferry engineers are preparing to disrupt services, and the AA was already reporting heavy traffic on many holiday routes last night.

French mechanics employed by Sealink's Dieppe ferries are expected to stage a wildcat strike today. Industrial action they took on Thursday led to cancellations and delays in services from Newhaven to Dieppe. Hundreds of passengers were taken by bus to ferries at other ports.

In a separate development, Sealink said its passenger capacity at Dover had been reduced by 40 per cent after a new ferry failed to be delivered in time for the weekend. With only three vessels running, the rescheduling of services yesterday left motorists and coach passengers stranded for up to six hours.

A spokesman said: "If passengers do not already have a booking it is best not to come." They were advised to telephone 0304 240028 for information on Dover ser- Newhaven before leaving home. Other ferry companies also reported heavy bookings and motorists were warned to expect long delays at ports.

The Civil Aviation Authority said that air traffic controllers in Nice would strike for three days from today and that staff in Paris planned a 24-hour stoppage on Monday. In Italy, the transport ministry issued an order to prevent a strike by air traffic controllers at Leonardo da Vinci airport, Rome.

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Backroom election role for Young

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

LORD Young of Graffham will return to Conservative Central Office for a backroom role in the next election campaign, it was disclosed yesterday after his replacement as deputy chairman by Mr David Trippier, the Minister of State for the Environment and Countryside.

Mr Trippier's appointment, coinciding with the Prime Minister's commitment to stabilize carbon dioxide emissions, was widely seen as a further step in the "greening" of the Tory party. He agreed it could be seen as part of this process and emphasized the party's determination to take the high ground on the issue.

But attention also focused on the apparent departure from front-line politics of Lord Young, once one of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's closest Cabinet confidants. His resignation as deputy chairman came only two days after his conduct as a former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry was criticized by an all-party committee of MPs in a damning report on the House of Fraser affair.

Lord Young said that his decision to stand down was not connected with either the Harrods takeover or with his role in the takeover by British Aerospace of Rover. He said: "I am not a politician. I am a businessman. When I left the Cabinet it was to go back to business... When the election comes I shall give what help I can."

Mr Tripper, aged 44, said he was "shocked" by his promotion, of which he had no inkling until Wednesday. He saw his role as campaigning.

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Yeltsin poised for direct challenge to Gorbachov

By Mary Dejevsky in Moscow and Our Foreign Staff

Mr Boris Yeltsin, the anti-establishment politician from the Urals, was last night on the verge of being elected president of the Russian Federation and mounting a direct challenge to President Gorbachov's power as Soviet leader. Well-wishers were already congratulating Mr Yeltsin with flowers and handshakes outside the Kremlin after his closest rival for the presidency, Mr Aleksandr Vlasov, unexpectedly withdrew his candidacy.

Mr Vlasov, currently Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, was regarded as the favoured candidate of the Communist Party hierarchy and of Mr Gorbachov personally. His terse announcement was greeted with a rumble of incomprehension from the congress hall.

"Thank you for nominating me for the post of president," Mr Vlasov said. "I have always been a fighter and will remain one, but the circumstances require a choice to be made, and I am withdrawing my candidacy after consultation." He did not elaborate on what he meant by consultation, although there was speculation that the party leadership or even Mr Gorbachov himself had recognized the dwindling support for Mr Vlasov after what was generally regarded as his weak prime ministerial report.

Mr Vlasov was one of five candidates to withdraw from the contest yesterday morning, leaving a choice of three for the 1,000 congress deputies from which to pick. Mr Yeltsin's chief opponent is Mr Ivan Polozkov, the head of the party in Krasnodar.

After presenting his programme yesterday, he was questioned about his reputation for having closed 300 co-operative businesses in his region in one day. After

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Police dig up site in hunt for lost boys

By David Young

CLAIMS that at least four boys may have been killed and their murders filmed are being investigated by detectives in east London.

Police, who have been digging on a site next to a synagogue, said that one boy may be aged just eight and that the final figure for the number murdered may rise.

The search has now been postponed until after the Jewish Sabbath but police have said that they are acting on information from two separate sources. A man was brought to the site from prison earlier this week. He had indicated an area where one body may be buried. Other possible burial sites have also been identified.

The boys involved have been missing for years and police said they believed the body they were looking for was of a youth under 16 who may have been killed four or five years ago.

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England win Texaco Trophy

By Our Sports Staff

AN UNBEATEN century by the captain, Graham Gooch, helped England win the second Texaco Trophy cricket match against New Zealand at the Oval yesterday, and with it the series by virtue of a superior scoring rate over the two matches.

More worrying for the touring team were injuries sustained by two of their players, who are both thought unlikely to have recovered in time for the first Test match, which starts at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on June 7.

Richard Hadlee, their world class all-rounder, broke a bone in his right hand, and Ken Rutherford was detained overnight in hospital after being hit above the eye while batting.

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Royal tourists silenced Soviet guns

By Gabriel Ronay

THE Prince and Princess of Wales unwittingly silenced Soviet guns which had been blazing away for weeks when they visited a national park in eastern Hungary earlier this month.

They saw the sights and went for a buggy ride on the Bugac plains of Kiskunsag National Park, unaware that only a couple of miles away Soviet troops were secretly dumping lorry-loads of ammunition, believed to be unstable and a threat to unwary visitors. A few days earlier, some soldiers had been firing off their unwanted ammunition.

Soviet forces withdrawing from two big bases in the park — at Bugac and Orgovany — apparently decided to dispose of their ammunition reserves locally. Park wardens have seen lorries loaded with ammunition, ranging from heavy machine-gun rounds to anti-tank and anti-aircraft shells and rockets, being dumped on the plains, which are a protected region. The civil authorities have not been notified.

Mr Andras Ivanyosi Szabo, the deputy director of Kiskunsag National Park, said that last week a platoon of Soviet soldiers drove lorries close to the hamlet of Bocsa and started unloading ammunition boxes. When their officer noticed that a park warden was filming them with a video camera, he ordered his soldiers to reload the ammunition, and drove away. Within an hour the lorries returned and began unloading once again. The warden dared not challenge the soldiers.

Some units on the Soviet bases find these furtive dumping sorties not to their liking, preferring to use up their ammunition. Mr Ivanyosi Szabo told the newspaper *Magyar Nemzet* that trigger-happy soldiers had been blazing away for weeks with rifles, sub-machine guns and heavier guns.

Although the Soviet forces at the bases were not notified officially of the British royal trip to the national park, not a single rifle shot was heard in the day preceding and following the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales. But within a day or two the shooting resumed, local sources said.

Park officials fear a growing danger of fire. In the past 15 years there have been 52 big fires started by Soviet troops, which destroyed 3,500 acres of precious forest in the plains of the national park. No compensation was ever paid.

Had the Prince of Wales known about the ammunition dumping, and work going on to demolish the Soviet bases, he might have joined an ecological "doom watch" at Bugac instead of attending horse shows and visiting herds of hardy Hungarian cattle.

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Police dig for bodies of four young boys

By David Young

DETECTIVES in East London are investigating claims that at least four young boys may have been killed and buried on waste ground by a group of sex offenders who filmed the murder.

Police have revealed that one of the boys may be as young as eight and that the final figure for the number murdered may rise. The boys involved have been missing for a number of years.

Detective Chief Superintendent Roger Stoodley, who is in charge of the inquiry said: "We have been acting on information received. The original suggestion was that it was to do with paedophiles."

Detectives digging for the body of one of the youths in a car park beside a synagogue in East London for the past two days have postponed the search until after the Jewish Sabbath.

The site being searched by police, who are using a mechanical digger and have had three dogs assisting them, has been used as a car park for the past two years. They have emphasized that the synagogue has no connection with the investigation.

Police have confirmed that they were led to the spot by an informant. It is understood that he was brought from prison on Wednesday and indicated an area on the site where a body has been buried. The officers say they have received information about other possible burial sites.

Detective Chief Supt Roger Stoodley said yesterday that the search was the result of specific information and an on-site visit by an informer. "We have a person who has indicated there is a body here. He visited the site and indicated an area."

They believed the body they were looking for was of a youth under 16 who may have been killed as long as four to five years ago. He said: "We have information that the body was put here four to five years ago long before it was a synagogue. The ground was completely overgrown making it an ideal site to bury someone."

The police said that the search for missing teenagers had led to this site because the information on other graves wasn't as reliable. The search for the body of at least one youth at the rear of the synagogue is the result of two separate tip offs.

Detective Chief Inspector David Easy said: "We are searching for the body of one youth as the result of information given to us about four months ago and in the last two weeks."

Mr Easy, who is also involved in child protection teams and a drugs squad, refused to comment on how they came by the information. "There is nobody in custody in connection with this and I cannot comment if anyone in custody is associated with the information we were given."

The police added that the search was more complex because the person they were looking for had not been officially reported as missing. A spokesman said: "We are looking for missing people who haven't been reported missing. There may be four people missing.

The police have denied that the investigation had anything to do with the murder of Jason Swift for which four men, part of a child sex ring, are serving sentences of between 13 and 19 years.

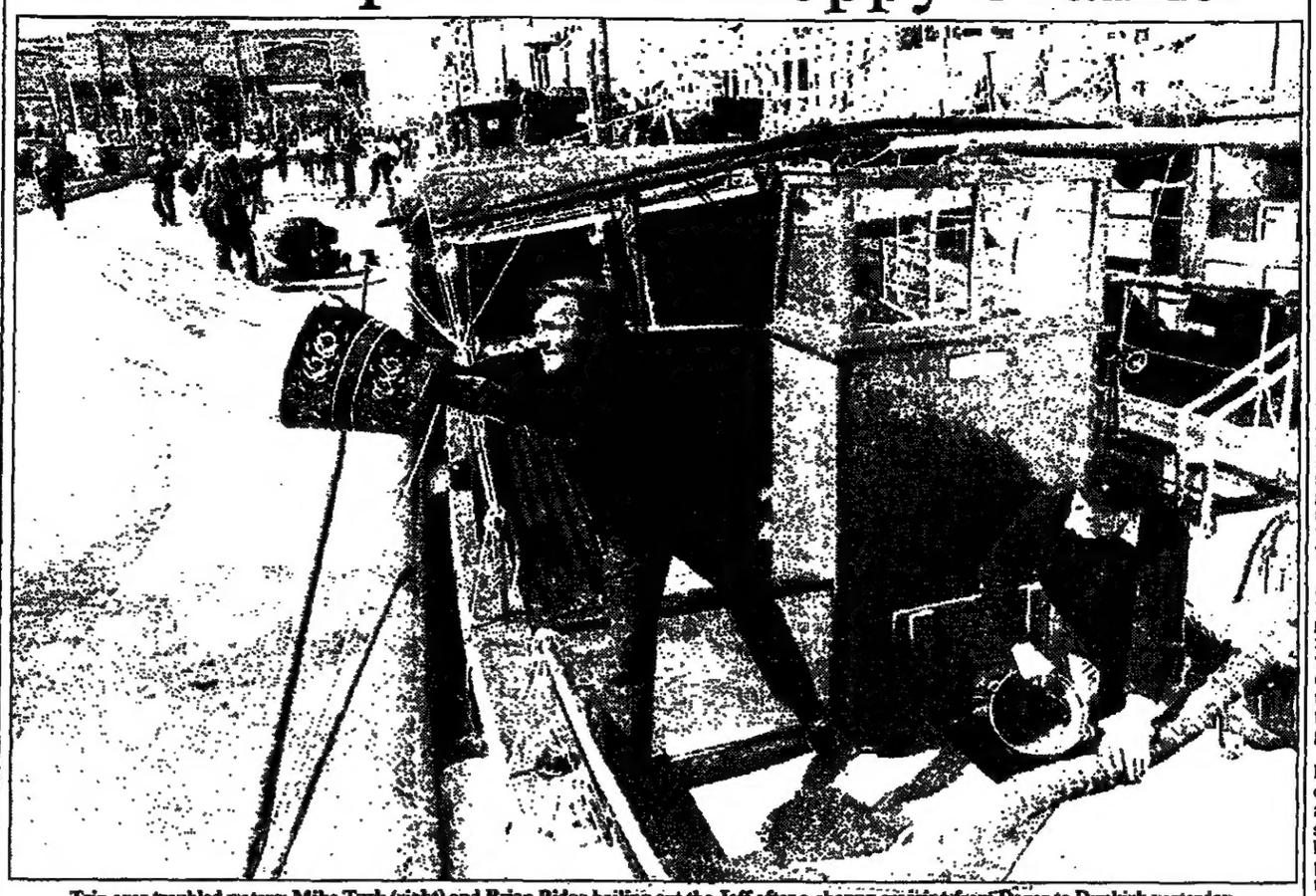
Officers started digging on the site beside the synagogue at Clapton Common two days ago. A Scotland Yard spokesman said the search involving about 20 officers follows a long inquiry into missing children.

Officers had stripped the hard core of the surface and are now down to a depth of four to five feet. The search will probably be abandoned when the clay strata at 6ft below the surface is encountered but police have emphasized that their investigation will continue.

The police said: "All we know at this stage is that there are people who have been murdered. There is a possibility that some may have been homeless, or some rent boys, but we are not sure."

The search is expected to resume on Tuesday when officers will sift through the mounds of earth dug up. The identity of the body is still unknown, said the police.

Little ships brave a choppy Channel



Trip over troubled waters: Mike Turk (right) and Brian Ridge bailing out the Jeff after a choppy crossing from Dover to Dunkirk yesterday

MR JOHN Castle's sketch book got a little damp on Thursday. It was something of a miracle that he was able to produce a collection of detailed drawings on board the *Jeff* as for more than 12 hours she pitched through the choppy seas of the Channel between Dover and Dunkirk (John Young writes).

The Jeff was never meant to go to sea. She is an open, flat-bottomed boat without so much as a stove or a lavatory, and from her home at Kingston-upon-Thames she takes trippers up and down the river. However, she was called to sea 50 years ago when, in what is regarded as a miracle, the Channel remained in a flat calm for 11 days to allow the evacuation of 340,000 people from the Normandy beaches.

Thursday was a bit different. An chilling force six winds and against a three-knot current, the commemorative armada took at one time rather more to little more than two hours on the 35-mile crossing. "It was quite a trip," Mr Mike Turk, her skipper, said.

One of his shipmates, Mr David Burrage, said that after three weeks' research, they recently found Mr George Cole, a Dunkirk veteran now over 80. They had shown him the boat on which he had been evacuated.

He thought he recognized it but was not sure. Why was that, he was asked. "On account of the bullets and shells," he replied. "We just crouched and kept our heads down."

For Mr and Mrs Tom Lawrence, aboard the former lifeboat Dowager, Thursday's crossing was slightly less uncomfortable. One of seven lifeboats taking part in the crossing, the Dowager was the first of the Watson design and was launched in 1932 by the future King George VI.

For 40 years she was based at Shoreham, Sussex, before Mr Lawrence bought her in 1973. She is now based at Canvey Island and makes regular trips to France.

Mr Lawrence paid tribute to the Commodore of the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships who had to launch a search for messages from heart at some degree of distress.

Mr Lawrence logged 25 incidents of trouble, mostly engine failure likely to have been caused by dirty fuel lines.

After years of cruising on the placid waters of rivers and estuaries, and in some cases virtually complete inactivity, deposits would have accrued at the bottom of tanks and were churned up by the violent motion of the sea on Thursday, he said.

A few boats positively revelled in the conditions, notably the three Thames barges, which could easily have outstripped the rest of the fleet had they not undertaken to act as rearguard.

A notice attached to one of them, Pudge, announced yesterday that she had taken 200 French soldiers off the Dunkirk beaches during the evacuation. She is now based at Maldon in Essex and is owned by the Thames Barge Sailing Club.

Mrs Elizabeth Wood, the club's historian, said yesterday that at least 30 Thames barges had taken part in the evacuation. Several of them had been abandoned on the beaches but one of those, Ena, which was also in Dunkirk yesterday, had been commandeered by troops who, presumably with some sailing knowledge, had managed to float her and sail her back to Britain.

Maguire inquiry scientist protests

By Ray Clancy

THE former head of a forensic laboratory that provided the main evidence that led to the imprisonment of Mrs Annie Maguire and six others for running an IRA bomb factory, yesterday broke down under cross examination at the inquiry into their cases.

Mr Douglas Higgs, who was the chief scientific officer at the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment at Woolwich, south London, in 1974 when swabs taken from the Maguires and their house were submitted for examination, was in the witness box for the third day in a row.

Under pressure from Mr Anthony Arlidge QC, counsel for the Maguires, who was suggesting that Mr Higgs had failed to disclose factors to the trial in 1976 that could have cast doubt on the testing undertaken at the laboratory, the retired scientist said, "I am getting a bit agitated."

"I volunteered to come here," he said. "I volunteered documents that are being used against me. I am getting to the stage where I want to leave. I know that I cannot be compelled to give evidence, but that is the way I feel at the moment."

Sir John May, the former Court of Appeal Judge who is heading the inquiry, intervened and said: "I am sorry about that. I am sure you want to give me all the help you can." Sir John said he appreciated it was difficult to remember events that took place 16 years ago.

Mr Higgs replied: "If he (Mr Arlidge) is getting to the stage where he wants to discredit me, can't he do it quickly?"

Mrs Maguire, now aged 54, her sons Patrick, aged 29, and Vincent, aged 31, her brother Mr Sean Smith, aged 52, her husband Patrick, aged 57, his brother-in-law Guiseppe Conlon, who died in prison aged 52, and Mr Patrick O'Neill, aged 49, a family friend, were jailed for between five and 14 years after being found guilty of handling nitro-glycerine, an explosive compound widely used by the IRA in the 1970s.

The thin layer chromatography test (TLC) was said at the original trial to be as precise in detecting traces of nitro-glycerine as fingerprints in identifying a suspect. However, at the inquiry hearing, Mr Higgs admitted that another explosive substance, PETN, was capable of producing results that could be confused with nitro-glycerine.

He said he had not thought it was relevant at the trial because, at that time, the IRA used commercial explosives containing nitro-glycerine while PETN was a high grade military explosive.

Mr Arlidge said, however, that three weeks after the Maguires were arrested PETN was found in the fuse of an unexploded bomb at Aldershot which was then examined by Mr Higg's laboratory.

The hearing resumes on Tuesday.

Judge's blunder frees care officer jailed for rape

A CHILD care officer jailed for seven years for allegedly raping a girl aged 16 in council care was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday because of a judge's error.

John Hall, aged 39, a former docker, walked free when the the court quashed his conviction at the Central Criminal Court because of misdirections by the trial judge, Sir James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London. He was found guilty last July of raping the girl in the office of a hostel for adolescents in care run by Southwark social services department. There was uproar at the time that the south London council had allowed Mr Hall, with no professional qualifications, to be left in charge of adolescents. The council admitted it had not checked his background.

Lord Justice Neill, sitting with Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Evans, said: "We have been driven to the conclusion that this conviction should not be allowed to stand and must be quashed."

Mr Hall, married with three children, of Borshall House, Barnfield Estate, Plumstead, south-east London, claimed Sir James in his summing up had not put his defence "adequately and fairly" to the jury. He also claimed that constant references to the distress of the girl "seriously damaged, if it did not completely undermine, the credibility" of his account of what happened.

Mr Hall had claimed the girl had come into his office after an argument and had intercourse with her boy friend in her room. They went out to get food and drink and went back to the office where she consented to intercourse. The girl claimed she was raped and fled to her grandfather's home when Mr Hall went to answer the telephone.

Lord Justice Neill said the prosecution claimed the summing up was impeccable. But they were "troubled" by the complaints and having looked at all the criticisms they felt the case should have been left to the jury on the basis that there was no corroboration. But the judge's directions on corroboration were "less than clear".

They unanimously quashed the conviction.

Jailed PCs lose appeal over boys' beating

TWO former policemen who claimed they were falsely implicated by their colleagues of involvement in an unprovoked attack on five boys had their appeals against conviction rejected yesterday.

Nicholas John Wise and Edward Napier Main, both aged 29, were each jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court in 1987 for conspiring to pervert the course of justice by covering up the attack, and for causing bodily harm. Yesterday, the two men claimed they had left the police vehicle involved before the attack on the boys in Holloway, north London, in August 1983.

Lord Justice Russell, sitting with Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Fennell, said: "We are abundantly satisfied that they were guilty of the offences charged and that their convictions are safe and satisfactory."

Lord Justice Russell had described the attack on the boys, aged between 13 and 16, as thoroughly disgraceful. After leaving a fair at Highbury Fields, they were kicked and beaten with truncheons by officers from the carrier "November 33".

There had been a morass of lies after the boys complained and the officers in the carrier, a sergeant and seven constables, denied all knowledge of the attack. It was only after a press campaign that three of the crew came forward to implicate their colleagues and gain immunity from prosecution for themselves.

The former wife of one of those three had since come forward to say that he had told her privately: "Eddie and Ernie (Wise) left the carrier to get food." Another policeman had also come forward to say that the sergeant in the vehicle, Colin Edwards, had told him Wise and Main had not been involved.

Lord Justice Russell rejected both witnesses' evidence. A number of others had spoken with one voice: that Wise and Main were there. "The unanimity of that evidence is compelling," Lord Justice Russell said.

MacKay on role of the church

BY KERRY GILL

LORD MacKay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said yesterday that he had not joined any other church since he resigned from the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland a year ago after refusing to repent for attending two Roman Catholic Requiem Masses.

Since his estrangement with the Free Presbyterians, Lord MacKay said he had continued to worship in different places according to the circumstances. He has, for example, worshipped at the Edinburgh church of the Associated Presbyterian Churches, the group that broke away from the Free Presbyterians as a result of the issue.

Lord Mackay: Has not joined any new church

Speaking after a public meeting organized by a Church of Scotland fringe group, Lord MacKay said: "It was a new experience which has left me rather sad." The Lord Chancellor was excommunicated by the Free Presbyterians for as long as he held the view that his attendance at the funeral for Lord Russell of Killowen was correct.

Lord MacKay was invited to speak on the subject of Christian Faith and Political Decisions at a public meeting organized by the 1988 Forum at an Edinburgh church. He said the church did have a role to play in helping to govern the country. "I think the object of the church should be to present Christian teaching to the Government."

● A husband and wife are to share the post of minister at Falkirk old and St Modan's Church, Falkirk, the first couple to do so in Scotland.

Mr Graham Blount and his wife, Sheila, are to be inducted on June 22 and will share all the ministerial duties.

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Europe aid for tunnel rail link

By Michael Dynes
Transport Correspondent

THE European Commission is prepared to help to fund construction of the Channel tunnel high-speed rail link, Mr Karel Van Miert, the European Commissioner for Transport, said yesterday. There was no reason why it should not step in to help finance a project that was "absolutely essential" for the future of rail transport in Britain and Europe, he said.

His statement followed the postponement of the long-awaited government decision on whether to back the London to Folkestone link until after the Whit recess. The European Rail Link consortium, made up of British Rail, Trafalgar House and BICC, which is bidding for the project, is thought to be seeking a £400 million injection of government funds.

Mr Van Miert is expected to give a clearer indication of how much money Brussels would be able to offer Britain after the next meeting of EC transport ministers in Luxembourg on June 17. However, some commission officials have indicated the maximum that could be expected is about £200 million.

Farmers harvest minister's praise

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

A GROUP of conservation-minded Suffolk farmers yesterday gave Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, the first good news he has had for some time and a welcome, if brief, respite from "mad cow" disease.

At Westhorpe, near Stowmarket, in the heart of the Suffolk countryside, Mr Gummer was on hand to launch a report on the impressive work done by 121 farmers in the region to maintain and restore traditional features of the landscape.

Back in London, his ministry was announcing that tests were being carried out on a second cat from Bristol suspected of dying from a nervous illness similar to "mad cow" disease, though it was also disclosed that tests on a cat from Derby were negative.

Mr Gummer was visiting a 50-square mile area that is living proof that East Anglia is not entirely inhabited by ruthless "barley barons".

The farmers decided on their initiative in 1984 after what they considered was unfair criticism in the press.

Their first survey of the area was published in January, 1985. Now, with sponsoship from the agrochemical company, Ciba-Geigy, they have launched their second. Further proof, according to Mr Gummer, that Britain is "leading the rest of Europe in the renaissance of farming conservation".

One of the most striking facts of the survey is that the average field size is only a little over 20 acres, much smaller than the vast "prairies" now widely regarded as typical of this part of England.

Over the past five years, 9.5 miles of hedgerows have been planted along with 63,718 new trees, most of them local hardwoods, despite the loss of more than 4,500 trees in the hurricane of October, 1987, which set back new planting by a year.

Conservation can take less obvious forms. "Time was when production was king and you cropped every last inch of your land", Mr John Cousins, vice-chairman of the Suffolk branch of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, said.

"Now we are realizing that you can do a lot for wildlife habitat just by leaving headlands and field corners untilled and uncropped margins round the edges of fields.

Princess faces action over shooting

By Alan Hamilton

THE owner of two dogs shot dead by a royal gamekeeper for allegedly savaging sheep on the Gatcombe Park estate in Gloucestershire has threatened to sue the Princess Royal.

Anna the alsatian and Fudge the cairn terrier were owned by Lady Edith Foxwell, aged 71, a granddaughter of Lord Cavan. Police confirmed yesterday that the dogs had been shot on Monday when the Gatcombe gamekeeper discovered them savaging sheep, and found a lamb severely injured.

The dogs were being walked by Mr Peter King while Lady Edith was in hospital recovering from a shoulder injury. The police said that gamekeepers were within their rights to shoot dogs if they feared for their flocks and could not capture the animals by reasonable means.

From her hospital bed in Swindon yesterday, Lady Edith, the former wife of the film director Ivan Foxwell, condemned the shooting as barbaric, and said she intended to take legal action.

"My dogs were lovely. They were calm, placid animals and they would never do a thing to hurt anyone. People should not be allowed to get away with this: it's all wrong."

After the shooting, a member of Lady Edith's staff took the bodies of the dogs to her home at Sherston, Wiltshire, and buried them in the grounds. Yesterday their bodies were exhumed for examination by a veterinary surgeon, while police continued to investigate the incident.

● A mongrel dog was put down in place of a pedigree weimaraner that had been ordered to be destroyed for sheep worrying, Kilmarnock Sheriff Court was told yesterday.

Mr Peter Smith, an Airdie veterinary surgeon, said that two days after the Kilmarnock court had ordered the dog to be destroyed in 1988, a man had taken a black mongrel said to belong to Irene Whiteford to his surgery to be put down for sheep worrying. He said a certificate with his business heading stating that he had "put to sleep" a Weimaraner that day was, he said, not genuine.

A few days later, Mrs Whiteford, a dog breeder of Highford, Dalry, gave the certificate to police checking up on the court order. But the wording aroused their suspicions.

Mrs Whitefordtold the police she had given the weimaraner to a Dalry man, to take to the vet to be destroyed. Police witnesses said that writing samples showed the forged certificate had been written by the man, who fitted Mr Smith's description of the man who went to his surgery.

Charges against Mrs Whiteford of failing to comply with the destruction order and of attempting to pervert the course of justice by rendering a false certificate were found not proven.

Scientists sound alarm on runaway greenhouse effect

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY
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THE world's leading meteorologists issued a unanimous warning yesterday that 200 years of industrialization have begun a runaway heating of the earth's atmosphere.

Addressing international policy-makers, they emphasized the reality of the greenhouse effect, the retention in the atmosphere of an increasing amount of the earth's radiated heat by industrial gases such as carbon dioxide (CO_2) from coal-fired power stations and motor vehicles.

In language of unaccustomed firmness for scientists speaking of the future, they predicted, on the basis of nine computer models of the global climate, that if the world's economies continued with business as usual, global mean temperatures would rise by about one degree Centigrade by 2025, by three degrees before the end of the 21st century, and would carry on rising. The scientists said the rises could be higher in areas such as North America and southern Europe.

Such increases would be enormous and would threaten the viability of much of civilization through disrupted weather patterns, continent-wide crop failure and the flooding of low-lying land areas as the warming waters of the sea expanded and caused sea levels to rise.

The group which reported yesterday, members of working group one of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the body set up in 1988 to investigate global warming by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, did not deal with the impacts of the warming. Those will be spelled out by working group two, chaired by the Russians and reporting in Moscow next week, while response strategies will be the subject of the working group three report to be published under American chairmanship in Geneva in a fortnight.

All three documents will be brought together in the panel's full report in August, on the basis of which the international community will begin to confront the problem of global climate change at the World Climate Conference in Geneva in November.

Yesterday's report by working group one, chaired by Dr John Houghton, chief executive of Britain's Meteorological Office, addressed itself strictly to the scientific assessment of the problem — how much temperatures will rise and how quickly — and brought together the pooled knowledge of the world's 300 meteorologists. For all their diversity of nationality and background, it was unanimous. Its co-ordinator Dr Geoffrey Jenkins, another meteorological scientist, arranged its summary to set out carefully what was certain, what was calculated with confidence, what was predicted on the basis of current computer models, what was uncertain, and what was the group's consensus judgement, allowing the language to be unusually strong.

They were certain, the scientists said, of the existance of the "natural" greenhouse effect, by which gases in the atmosphere such as water vapour and naturally occurring carbon dioxide have for hundreds of millions of years reflected back some of the earth's escaping heat and kept the world more than 30 degrees Centigrade warmer than it would otherwise be, and so suitable for life. They were also certain, they said, that "emissions resulting from human activities are substantially increasing the atmosphere concentrations of the greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, methane, the chlorofluorocarbons and nitrous oxide. These increases will enhance the greenhouse effect, resulting on average in an additional warming of the earth's surface."

They calculated with confidence, they said, that some gases were more effective than others and that carbon dioxide "has been responsible for over half the enhanced greenhouse effect in the past and is likely to remain so in the future"; that continued emissions of those gases, as they are long lived, would commit us to increased concentrations "for decades to centuries"; and, in their most significant warning to policy-makers, that to stabilize their concentrations at today's levels would require "immediate reductions in emissions of over 60 per cent".

Basing themselves on current computer model results, they said that they predicted that under the "business-as-usual" scenario for world economies, there would be a rate of increase of global mean temperature during the next century of about 0.3 degrees Centigrade per decade (with an uncertainty range of 0.2 degrees Centigrade to 0.5 degrees Centigrade per decade) — "this is greater than that seen over the past 10,000 years"; that this would result "in a likely increase in global mean temperature of about one degree Centigrade above the present value by 2025 and three degrees Centigrade before the end of the next century"; and that temperatures in some regions were predicted to be higher.

In another ominous warning, the scientists said: "The complexity of the system means that we cannot rule out surprises." Turning to what is already happening, they said that global mean surface air temperature has increased by 0.3 degrees Centigrade to 0.6 degrees Centigrade over the past hundred years, with the five global-average warmest years being in the 1980s. Over the same period, they said, the global sea level has increased by 10 to 20 centimetres.

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Technology available to cut emissions

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MR GERALD Leach, a member of the Government's Advisory Committee on Renewable Energy, yesterday gave details of the readily available technologies which could help cut Britain's carbon emissions by a fifth over the coming years.

He has identified six key areas in which consumers can play a role and trim 10 per cent or 16 million tonnes of carbon gas from the 166 million tonnes discharged each year.

Mr Leach believes households will become increasingly dependent on electrical gadgets and it is practical to presume that half of the 22 million domestic refrigerators could be switched to new ones, which can be up to 25 per cent more efficient. Other energy savings could come from new televison sets and washing machines which are also 25 per cent more efficient than most existing units.

Apart from greater use of insulation and double glazing in industry, offices and homes, Mr Leach believes 100 million light bulbs could be cost-effectively switched to the "compact fluorescent" kind. These typically cost £15 each rather than the more normal 40p but use 20 instead of 40 watts and burn for 10,000 hours.

The other key area is use of gas condensing boiler systems for central heating. They are more expensive than traditional systems, but are claimed to be 20 per cent more efficient than rival modern boilers and 30 per cent more efficient than old boilers. Mr Leach said that use of such measures would cost £8 billion but through energy savings would save consumers money.

He said that transport is another field in which carbon savings can be made. His report is based on independent calculations and Department of Energy figures.

His calculations assume a combination of more fuel efficient cars and government intervention, including company car restrictions, possible rebates on road tax for smaller vehicles and a 5 per cent switch to rail and public transport.

Mr Leach envisages the nation's energy requirement falling from 49 gigawatts (GW) to around 40GW a year as users become more efficient. He assumes that no more nuclear plants will be built here after Sizewell B and that no more coal and oil fired stations will be built, with some older ones being retired.

Cuts in carbon emissions of 30 per cent between 1987 and 2005 will be possible if more energy comes from less polluting gas fired combined cycle plants; from energy conservation plants called combined heat and power stations, and ifrenewable sources are encouraged.

By these measures Britain could cut its fuel bill by billions of pounds while curbing its carbon emissions by an estimated 20 per cent.

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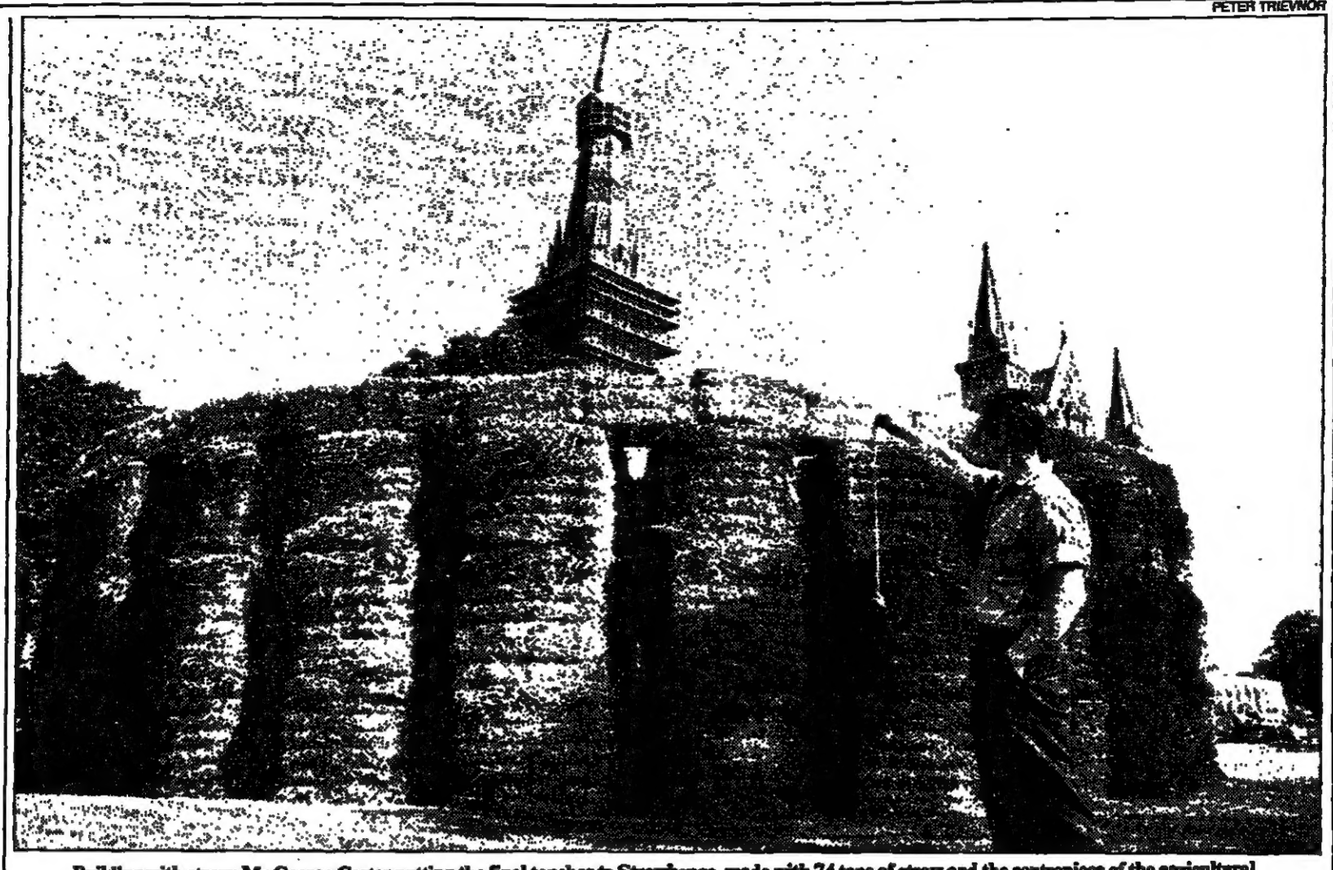

Building with straw: Mr George Carter putting the final touches to Strawhenge, made with 74 tons of straw and the centrepiece of the agricultural display at the Creation Festival at Salisbury Cathedral which starts today. The festival aims to promote local and worldwide conservation

Downing Street fails energy conservation test

By DAVID SAPSTED

Better insulated houses and better management of energy in general, Mrs Thatcher said yesterday, were in the vanguard of the battle against the potentially catastrophic effects of global warming.

Unfortunately, the message has not yet reached 10 Downing Street. The Prime Minister's rambling abode had been adjudged by experts as an example of how not to live in the 1990s. Mr Andrew Warren, director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, emerged from the men's lavatory at Downing Street a few months ago to pronounce it overlit, over-heated and "completely out of tune with modern thinking on energy conservation".

No 10's shortcomings extend further: it has inadequate insulation, limited double-glazing, energy-wasteful lighting, and a central heating system which "could have come out of the Ark", according to Dr Amory Lovins, head of the Rocky Mountain Institute in Colorado, the foremost centre on energy conservation.

Neither the Department of Energy nor Downing Street could say yesterday what was being done to improve the situation. Experts estimate that energy conservation measures can be seven times more cost-effective in cutting carbon dioxide emissions than new energy supply facilities.

Mr Warren said: "Downing Street is not a building that could easily be brought up to Milton Keynes standards of energy efficient, but someone should be making the effort."

JP quits in protest at poll tax

THE deputy chairman of Aylesbury magistrates, Buckinghamshire, Mr Edward Janes, has resigned because he is not prepared to sit in judgement on people who appear in court for not paying their poll tax.

Mr Janes, aged 64, says the poll tax is unjust and immoral. "I have no wish to assist in the enforcement of this tax". It would leave him "unable to adjudicate fairly" on non-payment prosecutions.

Judgement later on advert ban

Judgement was reserved in the High Court yesterday on a challenge to Labour-controlled Derbyshire County Council's decision to ban advertisements in the *Times Educational Supplement*. The Times Supplements, News International, Times Newspapers, and Pauline Latham, a councillor, seek a declaration that the decision was unlawful.

Chainsaw plea

Mr Peter Jenkin-Jones, the Nottinghamshire coroner, called yesterday for a change in the rules on chainsaw hire after hearing that Mr Michael Brisley, aged 62, a retired schoolteacher of Southwell who bled to death in an accident, was not told how to use the machine.

P&O plea fails

An attempt by P&O European Ferries to have manslaughter charges against it dropped was rejected in the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The company was charged as a result of the capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise off Zeebrugge in March 1987, which cost 193 lives.

SDP fights on after humiliation of trailing Monster Loonies

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Social Democrats yesterday continued to press for a deal with the Liberal Democrats on fighting parliamentary seats, in spite of polling fewer votes in the Bootle by-election than the Monster Raving Loony Party.

Labour held the seat, increasing its share of the vote from 67 to 75 per cent. The Conservative candidate only narrowly held on to second place ahead of the Liberal Democrats.

Dr David Owen, the Social Democrat leader, was unavailable to comment on the result in which his party secured only 155 votes. It was the second consecutive by-election in which the party had lost its deposit, and one of its MPs said it could no longer risk the loss of public credibility involved in fighting seats where the SDP had little base.

Mr John Cartwright, SDP MP for Woolwich, said he had been unhappy at the decision to fight in Bootle, where Labour had a 24,477 majority at the general election. The Alliance came third then with 6,820. "People vote Labour or Tory on the basis of deeply-held loyalty, but the SDP must demonstrate some work in the areas," Mr Cartwright said. "I don't think, when we have a limited amount of resources and one of them is public credibility, it was worth the risk of standing in areas where the result was going to be very, very poor."

BOOTLE RESULT

M Carr (Lab)	26,737
J Clappison (Con)	3,220
J Cunningham (L Dem)	3,179
S Brady (Green)	1,267
K White (Lib)	474
Lord D Sutch (Loony)	418
J Holmes (SDP)	155
T Schofield (Ind)	27
Labour majority	23,517
Total vote 35,477	Turnout 50.2

General election: Allan Roberts (Lab) 34,975; D Papworth (Con) 10,498; P Denham (SDP All) 6,820. Lab maj: 24,477.

The SDP and Liberal Democrats have agreed not to stand against each other in four south London constituencies. The Liberal Democrats will not challenge Mr Cartwright in Woolwich or Mrs Rosie Barnes in Greenwich, and the SDP will not stand in Southwark and Bermondsey, held by the Mr Simon Hughes, or in Labour-held Vauxhall.

Mr Cartwright said the SDP had offered the Liberal Democrats a deal in which they not stand against Mr Paddy Ashdown's party in Ryedale, North Yorkshire, in exchange for a free run in Richmond. The Liberal Democrats show little enthusiasm for any arrangement. A spokesman for Mr Ashdown said: "I can't see what we should be negotiating about. I can't believe the SDP are much longer for this world. What can they offer?"

Labour's candidate, Mr Michael Carr, a full-time Transport and General Workers' Union official, said his victory in the poll, caused by the death of Mr Allan Roberts, clearly indicated that before long there would be a Labour government. He held the seat with a majority of 23,517 after a quiet campaign in which the Conservatives had accused him of being an "invisible man". The result represented a swing from Conservative to Labour of 9.75 per cent compared with a 21 per cent swing in the Mid Staffordshire by-election in March and an 11 per cent swing in the local elections.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said: "We are well on course. This is an excellent result for a first-class candidate. In a safe Labour seat on a low poll we still achieved an extraordinary increase in our share of the vote."

Young bows out before Rover report

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

AN ALMOST audible sigh of relief escaped Tory MPs at the departure of Lord Young of Graffham from party headquarters before Sir Leon Brittan pronounces his verdict on the handling of the Rover sale to British Aerospace by the former Secretary of Trade and Industry.

As the EC commissioner puts the final touches to his report there is little doubt he will demand the repayment of the £38 million "sweeteners" sanctioned by Lord Young and criticize the £150 million price tag put on the car firm and the exclusive negotiating rights offered to BAe.

If Lord Young had still occupied an office at Smith Square when Sir Leon's delivered his bombshell, the party would have been required to rally around him and at least postpone the withdrawal of his official political status within the party.

During nearly five years in Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet, the ambitious self-made entrepreneur stirred resentment in Tory breasts which, on occasion, smacked of envy and anti-semitism. For this was the man who, as MPs liked to point out, had never been elected to anything in his life and yet enjoyed a privileged position with their Prime Minister. Her accolade that, while other Cabinet ministers brought her problems, David brought her only solutions has passed into Westminster folklore.

In addition those who worked closely with him at the departments of employment and trade and industry look back with admiration at the man who, they say, stirred the "paper-shufflers" and got things done.

His rise began when as chairman of Manpower Services Commission he was charged with getting down the unemployment figures. The son of Lithuanian immigrants found himself in the House of Lords — and the Cabinet.

His troubles started with the "Balkan Wars" over election strategy in 1987 at Conservative Central Office with his erstwhile champion, Mr Norman Tebbit. Young's first big political blunder was to underestimate the power of the "Willie faction" by imagining that Tory stalwarts would allow him to grab both the chairmanship and remain Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. His failure left him bruised but not beaten.

He also weathered the collapse of the investment group Barlow Clowes and a range of contentious take-over bids with the House of Fraser proving the most enduring. Only this week, his failure to refer the Fayed brothers' bid to the MMC in late 1988 was criticized by the Commons trade and industry committee.

The brewers provided his critics with the most powerful ammunition by proving his political naivete. He was true to his Thatcherite free market ideology by stating that he was "minded" to accept the MMC's plan for breaking up the big brewers' monopoly on tied houses without accounting for the brewers' traditional and generous support to the Tory Party. The U turn he was slowly forced to perform dented his enthusiasm for Westminster politics.

His departure from the Cabinet to a part-time desk at Central Office was quickly followed by a resumption of his business career. However it emerged yesterday that, again, reports of his political death may be greatly exaggerated.

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Bowbelle's owners to settle claims 'quickly'

By Ray Clancy

THE chairman of the parent company that owns one of the ships involved in the Thames pleasure boat disaster last August in which 51 people died, yesterday apologized to survivors and bereaved families and promised that all claims for compensation would be met.

At an emotionally charged annual general meeting in Mayfair, London, Mr John Camden, chairman of Ready Mixed Concrete, the multinational supplier of building materials, was confronted by angry shareholders from the Marchioness Action Group demanding to know why the company had made no payments nine months after the disaster and accusing them of delaying tactics.

As the company announced pre-tax profits of £248 million, the action group drew support from many of the shareholders. One stood up during the meeting and said it was an "absolute disgrace" that no compensation had been paid to the victims. That resulted in the chairman giving a public apology.

A dozen members of the action group had each bought £100 worth of shares so that they could attend the meeting. Outside the London hotel where the meeting was held, another 60 members of the action group, including some survivors, staged a protest.

In his opening address, Mr Camden said: "Shareholders will not have failed to notice people gathering outside who have come to protest. I would like to say on behalf of RMC that we express our sincere sympathy to all those who suffered in this ordeal and particularly those who suffered a personal loss," he said.

Mr Camden admitted there had been complaints about the way the company had handled claims for compensation. "We wish all claims arising from the Marchioness accident to be dealt with properly and promptly," he said, adding that he was "puzzled" as to why no claims had yet been put forward.

Mr Ian Philpott, the vice-chairman of the action group, who survived the tragedy and lost his girlfriend, told the meeting that many survivors had been unable to work since the disaster because of psychological problems. He asked the chairman to reconsider the company's position on compensation and make immediate interim payments of £5,000 to every survivor and bereaved family, to pay costs from the inquest, currently £60,000, and to lift a writ obtained in the High Court obliging those claiming compensation to go through the Admiralty Court, "a lengthy and costly business".

Dr John Camden: beset on all sides at agm

"If you were to agree to this, it would amount to just half a per cent of the £248 million pre-tax profits you have announced today. I urge you to look again at your position and help us rebuild our lives," Mr Philpott said.

Mr Camden replied that the mechanism for claims had been in place since last October and he could not understand why victims and their families had not put claims forward.

Mr Philpott said it was because they didn't yet know how much to claim. "In my own case I lost my girlfriend and my business. Last week, I had to mortgage my flat against my business overdraft. Others have suffered severe psychological problems. It is very difficult to submit a claim when you can't put a price on what you have lost.

"We can remember graphic details of what happenend that night," he said, asking how people could be expected to submit claims when they were wrestling with psychological problems.

Mr Camden said they should submit interim claims, which would be met. When challenged by a shareholder, he also apologized for making no mention of the tragedy in the annual report.

Mr John Smith, a shareholder, said he was "disgusted" to find out only at the meeting that the company owned the Bowbelle: "Without this protest today I would not have know about this connection. It is a disgrace that the company has not given anything to the trust fund, yet has donated £35,000 to the Conservative party."

Afterwards, Mr Philpott said any compensation claims would be long and expensive. "Our lawyers say the only way we can claim is though the courts. Mr Camden says claims can be met quickly. We are fed up being messed about. Now we will consult our lawyers again."

He added that they would also be looking into the possibiluty of bringing corporate manslaughter charges against the company.

● The inquest into the 51 deaths in the disaster may be adjourned until the trial of the captain of the Bowbelle ends. Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner for Westminster, was told yesterday at a resumed hearing that to continue with the inquest would "prejudice the fair trial" of Captain Douglas Henderson, accused of failing to keep a proper lookout on his vessel.

Mr Graham Boal, representing Mr Allan Green QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, said part one of the inquest, dealing with evidence on seven of the victims, could be concluded, but no evidence could be heard on the second stage: the deciding who was responsible. The coroner will announce his decision on June 6.

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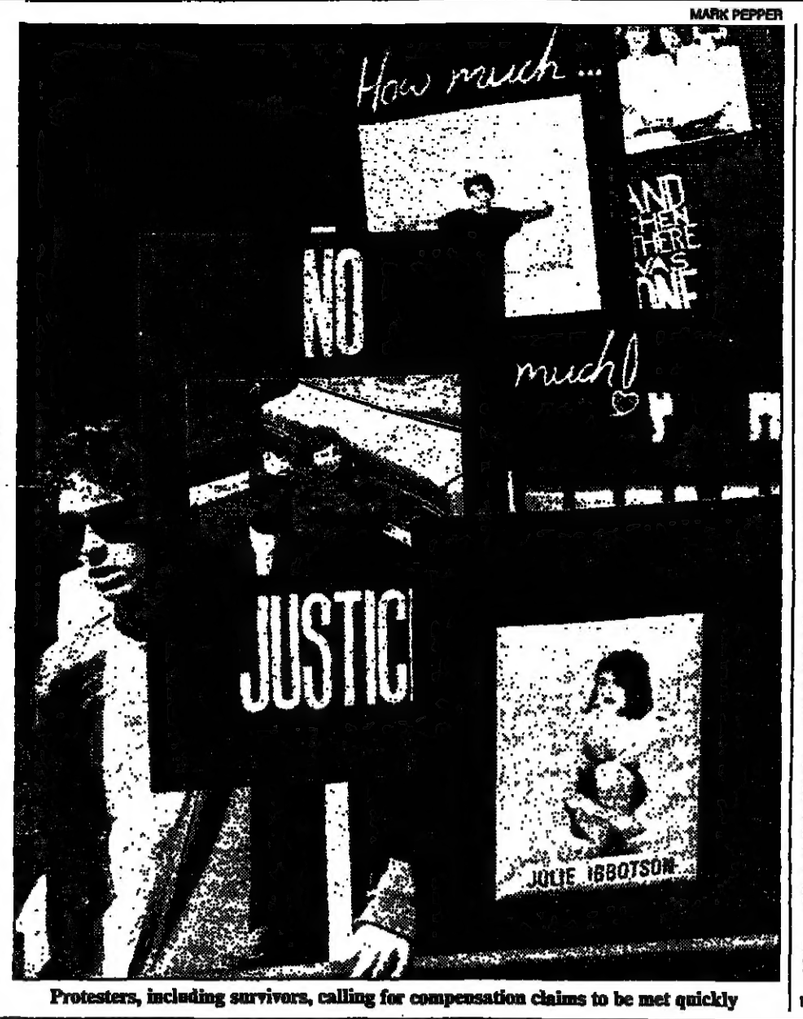

Protesters, including survivors, calling for compensation claims to be met quickly

Clergyman defends Sunday trading

A CLERGYMAN told a court yesterday that DIY stores should be allowed to open on Sundays and that Christians should be free to do what they want on the sabbath.

The Rev William Oddie, who was giving evidence to magistrates in Cwmbran, Gwent, after being called as a witness by the B&Q chain, said: "If someone chooses to work on Sunday it should be a matter of their personal liberty to do so. The mark of a Christian Sunday is the freedom from restrictions."

In the case, which has been referred to the magistrates from the European Court, B&Q denies contravening the law by opening its Cwmbran store on Sundays. Dr Oddie said it was "grotesque" to suggest that quiet, peaceful Sundays would be spoiled by DIY stores opening.

He said that as a parish priest he found it a benefit having a DIY store near by on Sundays. "I would call in there on my way home on Sundays and see lots of people with their families. It's a place where people fo for innocent amusement. I find it curious, but they stay there for hours."

Dr Oddie said that the stores were quite peaceful places..

Judgement was reserved until June 11.

New backers pledged for Juno mission

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

PROFESSOR Heinz Wolff, key scientific adviser to the Juno mission, flew to Moscow from London yesterday in to try to put the project back on course.

The high-profile mission aimed at putting a Briton into space had been considered doomed after a decision by the mission's guarantors, the Moscow Narodny Bank in London, to withdraw support. Just before his departure yesterday, however, Professor Wolff said that "lots of people" had since pledged support for the scheme.

These pledges are subject to Soviet assurances that the flight is going ahead. Soviet space officials, however, have indicated they will continue the project, originally scheduled for blast-off early next year, only if Juno organizers can prove that the backers are serious.

Professor Wolff, who declined to identify the backers, said: "It is a vicious circle which I hope to break by going to Moscow." Mission officials have always maintained that Juno was far from dead when, in March, the bank suddenly pulled out, leaving the scheme an estimated £14 million short of the £16 million needed. During the last two months both British candidates, Miss Helen Sharman, a food technologist, and Major Timothy Mace, of the Army Air Corps, have continued training at Star City, the cosmonauts' training centre 30 miles from Moscow.

Air Vice-Marshal Peter Howard, a member of the Juno team, confirmed they were optimistic about the mission's future. "There is a sufficiency of money to keep the project going but I do not want to quote the sums involved," he said. "If Glavcosmos (the Soviet space agency) will give the guarantees and are reasonably satisfied that the money is there, then the money will be forthcoming."

The move comes as the two astronauts are to meet the Princess Royal at a reception at the British Embassy in Moscow this afternoon. Air Vice-Marshal Howard said that the meeting would "do nothing but good" for the future of the mission.

The decision on which of the two British astronauts will fly if the mission is saved will probably be made in July. That would be when Soviet officials would select two crews, each with two cosmonauts and one Briton.

Fireball engulfed rig, inquiry told

By Kerry Gill

THE skipper of a North Sea standby vessel told a fatal accident inquiry yesterday how he watched as three large explosions rocked the Ocean Odyssey drilling rig which was then engulfed in a ball of fire.

Mr John Robson, skipper of the Notts Forest, was giving evidence to the inquiry in Aberdeen into the death of Mr Timothy Williams, aged 25, a radio operator, after the explosions on the rig about 130 miles east of Aberdeen in September, 1988.

Mr Robson's vessel was stationed about 300 yards from the Ocean Odyssey. He saw a gas cloud develop between the bottom of the rig and the sea surface. There was loud "screaming" noise as gas was vented from the rig's derrick followed by an explosion and fire ball, he said. He then saw two lifeboats launched into what appeared to be a sea of flames and workers jumping for their lives as the rig was covered in fire.

He said there had been a gas alert and the rig had asked him to bring his vessel alongside. He could see the vapour cloud gathering around the Ocean Odyssey. About an hour later, the first explosion occurred.

"I suddenly saw the ball of flames. I ran into the wireless room and put a May Day call out," Mr Robson said. After the first explosion the rig's lifeboats had been launched but then there was a second explosion and he launched his rescue boat.

He said that after the second explosion he saw five men clambering over handrails to reach the end of the rig. One man clambered down one of the legs and the others jumped into the sea to be picked up by the rescue boat.

During the second explosion an RAF helicopter, heading towards the rig, was forced to veer away as debris was hurled into the air. Once the rescue boat had taken the five survivors on board Mr Robson noticed three more abandon the installation. He told the inquiry he had no radio communication with the Ocean Odyssey after seeing the three get off the rig. Two days later Mr Williams's body was discovered in the pilot house.

Detective Constable Donald Scobie, of Tayside police, said he had searched the rig after it had been towed to Dundee harbour. A smoke-damaged telex in the radio operator's room read: "OK, blowout controllable at present."

Another message, sent earlier, said that all essential and non-essential personnel were at lifeboat stations and the drill crew was attempting to fight and control the blowout.

The inquiry continues on Tuesday.

Brooke initiative on course to promote Ulster talks

By EDWARD GORMAN
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MR PETER Brooke emerged from his latest round of "talks about talks" at the Northern Ireland Office in London on Thursday and allowed himself a rare, if not a little self-conscious, grin.

He looked modestly happy, a diagnosis confirmed by those working closely with him who say the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is in good spirits and approaching his self-styled role of mediator in Ireland with relish.

It was some time ago that a senior civil servant first coined a catchphrase for him which neatly encapsulated his cautious but persistent approach. In reply to endless questions about whether or not his efforts to promote dialogue between politicians in Northern Ireland were advancing towards the Government's goal of talks on devolution, Mr Brooke would say, and still does: "Inter-party talks are, at this stage, a possibility rather than a probability." The events of the past week have for the first time tempted him towards "probability" though he chose with characteristic caution to stay with "possibility" for the time being.

It is difficult to be precise about the distinct change in atmosphere surrounding Mr Brooke's efforts this week because no-one outside the small circle of participants knows exactly what it is that he is proposing nor to what degree it has been accepted by all concerned

There is a definite sense however, that the "Brooke initiative" has begun to generate its own momentum which is having the effect of tying in the Unionists in particular and putting pressure on each of the party leaders not to be seen to be the first to wreck the process. What does seem clear is that Mr Brooke is overseeing the empirical testing of an approach to the internal political stalemate in Ulster which attempts to address, as Mr John Hume, the Social Democratic and Liberal Party leader, would have it, the "totality of relationships" involved.

Among his key objectives, and the one where significant progress may have been made this week, is to manoeuvre Unionists into a position where, in return for concessions on three pre-conditions for entering talks, they are prepared to acknowledge a precise role for Dublin at a later stage.

Civil servants like to point out that the "Brooke initiative" did not really begin with the Secretary of State's keynote speech in Bangor, Co Down, in January, but was simply a logical expansion of efforts over 10 years to advance towards a devolved administration in Belfast capable of attracting cross-community support.

The ministerial shuffle last summer provided the opportunity for a fresh approach. Mr Brooke, it was pointed out at the time, and since confirmed by events, had greater potential flexibility and credibility when it came to promoting political dialogue than his predecessor, Mr Tom King, who was tarnished in the eyes of Unionists by his direct association with and defence of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Mr Brooke embarked on his mission on January 9 when he addressed a businessmen's lunch in the upstairs suite of a small hotel overlooking Belfast Lough in Bangor. In that speech he said he believed there was enough "common ground" among leaders of the constitutional parties in Northern Ireland to form the basis of a devolved government.

Mr Brooke's speech came after a series of so-called "get to know you" sessions with Northern Ireland leaders and the Irish Government. It has been followed in turn by intensive rounds of talks between Dublin and Belfast and between Mr Brooke and leaders of the SDLP and the two Unionist parties, Mr James Molyneaux and Mr Ian Paisley.

Even as the Secretary of State embarks on the next phase of exchanges, he is still battling against considerable scepticism and cynicism from those who say Mr Molyneaux in particular is not sincere in his apparent willingness to enter talks.

It has even been suggested that the Ulster Unionist Party leader may be simply playing along with Mr Brooke, waiting for the process to run aground at a later stage, to prove as he has always claimed, that talks on devolution will not work.

In the SDLP the scepticism is still strong, with party officials privately concerned that Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley will do all they can to stall the process if it looks as though talks are becoming dangerously close. One well-placed observer said he believed the Unionists had embarked on a reckless "pub crawl" of pre-conditions which was not over yet and implied that sooner or later they would come up with one that even Mr Brooke could not circumvent. In Dublin, Mr Brooke's efforts have been regarded with similar scepticism — only overcome by intensive discussion with British officials.

Mr Brooke in his public comments has always countered fears that he may be inadvertently causing long-term damage by using the analogy of a race course being tackled, somewhat strangely, by a jockey carrying a tent on his back. He says that if the process gets stuck at the first fence or any other fence, he will camp there rather than go back to the start so that future efforts could restart at that point.

University ban on South African talk was unlawful

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

A UNIVERSITY ban on speakers from the South African Embassy because the vice-chancellor was concerned about the threat of violence outside the university was wrong, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The ruling, which will affect all universities in England and Wales, came after action was brought against Professor Graeme Davies, vice-chancellor of Liverpool University, by the university's Conservative Association. It had accused Professor Davies of failing to uphold freedom of speech by imposing the ban on two meetings it had organized because he was concerned about the threat of public disorder in Toxteth.

The judges rejected the association's claim that the authorities were not entitled to lay down conditions to prevent disorder at the meetings and did not award costs to the association, estimated at £10,000. Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Potts said that, in discharging its duty under the 1986 Education (No 2) Act to preserve freedom of speech on the campus, "the university is not enjoined or entitled to take into account threats of public disorder outside the confines of the university by persons not within its control".

Mr Andrew Caesar-Gordon, chairman of the association, said he was delighted with the court's backing for freedom of speech but unhappy that costs had not been awarded even though the association won the main part of its case. "It is victory at a price. Hopefully the court has handed a message to both left and right extremists that the threat of public disorder will not now be sufficient grounds for trying to halt a meeting taking place on a university campus and freedom of speech will prevail."

The university had argued that it would have been "wholly irresponsible" to ignore threats of disorder outside its precincts in Toxteth, which has a large black community, over the planned visits by the South Africans in November 1988 and January last year.

Lord Justice Watkins said the university's attitude was laudable, but failed to deal properly with the issue of freedom of speech. "We accept that the university authorities acted with the best possible motives to prevent breaches of the peace which they had good reason to believe would occur on and off their premises in the event of the meetings taking place." He said that if the university had confined the reasons to the risk of disorder on the campus and among members of the university, there could have been no objection.

The judges rejected the association's argument that conditions originally imposed on one of the meetings before it was banned would hinder free speech and were therefore unlawful. The university insisted that information about the meeting should be treated as confidential until 9am on the day it was due to take place and that only those producing a valid student or staff card would be allowed to attend. The university also reserved the right to charge the association for security costs.

Last night, a university spokesman refused to comment until the full implications of the judgement had been considered. He did not rule out an appeal.

Mr Caesar-Gordon said that he would now ask diplomats from the South African Embassy to address a meeting of the association.

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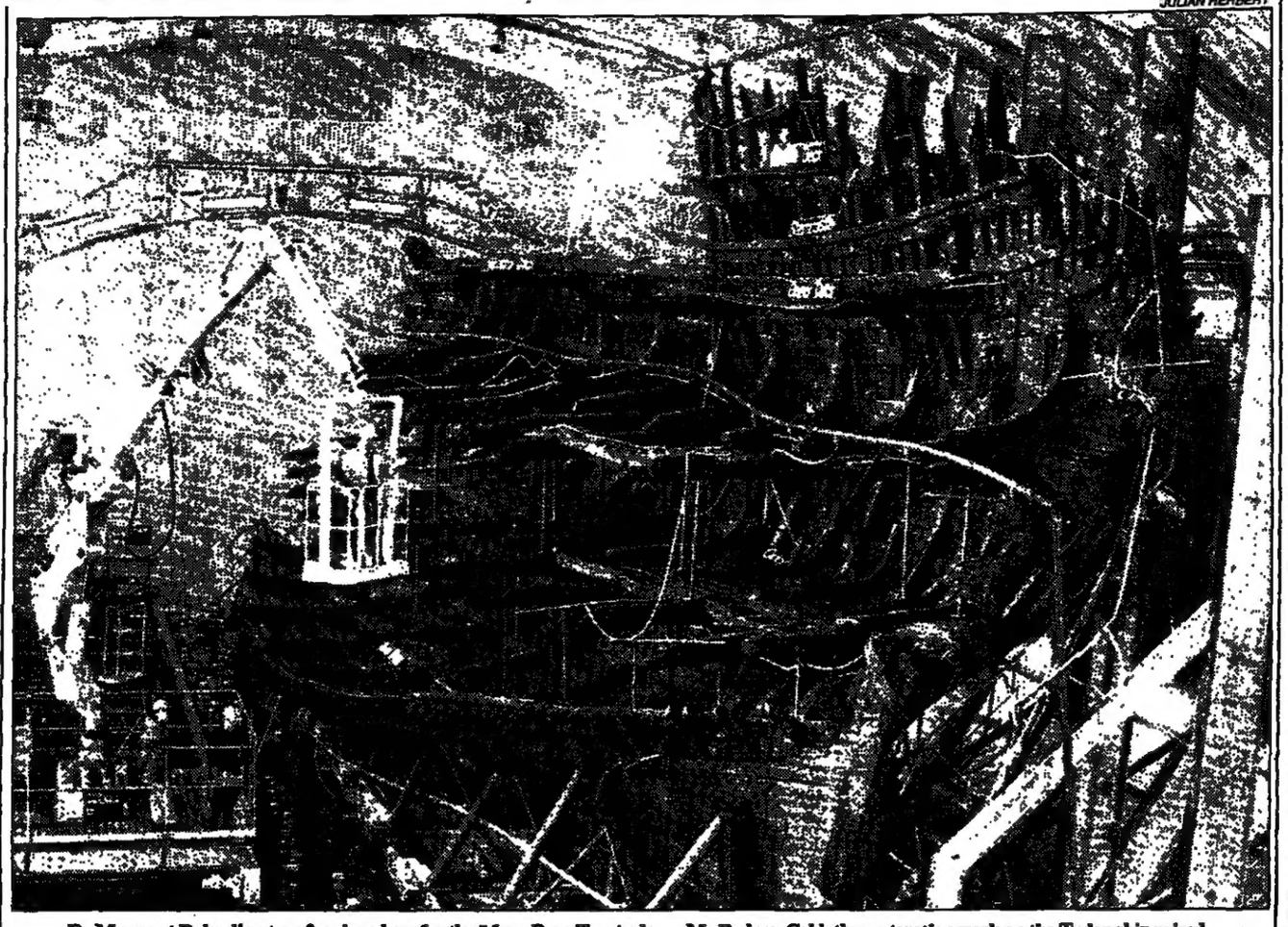

Dr Margaret Rule, director of archaeology for the Mary Rose Trust, shows Mr Rodney Cobb the restoration work on the Tudor ship raised from the Solent in 1982. His firm, Olico Systems, has given the trust a computer for making three-dimensional drawings of the Mary Rose

Students 'not just source of income'

By OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

UNIVERSITIES and polytechnics should stop seeing overseas students as simply a good source of revenue and consider the educational benefits of having an international mix on their courses, a report from the Overseas Students Trust says.

The report, published jointly by the trust and the United Kingdom Council for Overseas Student Affairs, says: "Overseas students have mostly been seen in financial terms: during a period of severe budgetary stringency their fees have perforce come to be regarded as an important source of income ... on the whole, the educational benefits have been denied their proper importance."

The educational benefits, the report says, include cultural enrichment, additional knowledge and experience brought to specific courses, raised standards among home students and the ability to maintain the viability of courses and research capability. The institutions will have to rationalize a policy of increasing numbers (and fees income) while recruiting "responsibly with the best interests of the students themselves in mind".

Britain's Unrealised Asset (The Overseas Students Trust, 177 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1ER, £1.00)

'Cab rank' code for barristers

By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bar has for the first time enshrined in its code of conduct a stipulation that under the "cab rank" rule, barristers cannot refuse to take a legal aid case on the ground that the fee is inadequate.

The move aims to put pressure on the Government to ensure that solicitors are placed under a similar restraint in the Courts and Legal Services Bill. At present, the Bill allows solicitors to refuse legal aid cases if the fee is inadequate, taking account of factors such as their seniority and the complexity of the case.

Yesterday, however, although the Lord Chancellor's Department confirmed that the Government was reconsidering the wording of the "cab rank" clause, it said this was only to ensure that it took account of the Government's aims. Those aims, a spokesman said, were that "advocates cannot discriminate on the ground of the source of the financial support for a case; such as through the legal aid scheme or a trades union".

The clause, however, did not specify when and in what circumstances advocates could refuse work because of the level of funding, he added. That was an issue for the machinery to be set up under the Bill which will draw up new advocacy rules.

Breakaways escape synod action

By KERRY GILL

THE Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland yesterday decided against attempting to recover property held by the breakaway Associated Presbyterian Churches through litigation.

In a statement after the Free Presbyterian Synod in Glasgow the church said it would leave the issue of the property to the conscience of those who broke away last year to establish their own church. The Associated Presbyterian Churches were formed last summer when Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, announced his resignation from the Free Presbyterian Church after his suspension as an elder for attending two Roman Catholic Requiem masses.

He was excommunicated by the synod after refusing to acknowledge that he had been wrong in attending the masses. The debate over the issue led to moderate ministers and elders forming the new church.

The new church continued to practice, using the buildings and manses of the Free Presbyterian Church from which it split. There has been conjecture over the past year that the FP church would attempt to regain control of the property by taking legal action.

However, the synod yesterday said it would take no steps to enter into any form of negotiation with the Associated Presbyterian Churches. It said members of the breakaway church had "no moral or legal right to property which they hold, and which their consciences, as yet, do not require them to vacate".

The statement added: "We leave them in the hands of the God of the whole earth who will deal with them in his own time and way." The synod agreed that having taken counsel's opinion, a court action would have been successful. But it reserved the right to defend any claim against its property.

The Associated Presbyterians have no assets other than the property which they hold and the offerings of congregations. Some of the donations, however, have been substantial, with hundreds of pounds being collected in a week from single churches.

The Free Presbyterians still hold the majority of the property. Their substantial influence in Africa, for instance, was unaffected by the schism last May.

They said that, in the world of business, an employee using company house vacated it as a matter of honour when he resigned his employment. "He certainly would not wait to be evicted by a sheriff."

In effect, the ministers of the breakaway church were employees of the Free Presbyterian Church until they decided to split. "When they left the employment of the Free Presbyterian Church ordinary principles of ethics should have obliged them to vacate their manses," the atatement said.

The Rev Hamish Mackinnon, a founder member of the APC who has retained his manse and church, said: "We would not have stayed in the manses if we had not been acting according to our consciences. They have no right to invoke our consciences. I am very pleased that there is no threat hanging over us as regards the property."

JAMES GRAY

Boys from the Chapel Royal beating the bounds at the Tower of London. The triennial event involves beating with willow wands marker posts set at the edge of the ground over which the Tower's rights extend, thereby establishing its liberties

Farmers 'ignoring safety rules'

RAIDS on farms by health and safety inspectors uncovered extensive flouting of safety rules, a report disclosed yesterday. Health and Safety Executive inspectors found chain saws being used without protective gear, children riding on tractors, unguarded slurry stores where victims could drown, and dangerous electrical wiring.

Other hazards included tractors without safety cabs and poor brake maintenance in trailers. The checks, in Cumbria and Lancashire, followed a publicity campaign but in spite of the warnings more than one in five spot checks resulted in orders to stop work because of dangerous practices.

The executive said most farmers obeyed safety laws, but added: "Some still continue to put themselves, their workers and their families at serious risk by ignoring safety rules and breaking the law."

Out of 450 checks on farms and forests almost half required action to enforce safety rules. The latest annual report from the executive listed 53 farm deaths nationwide and 639 serious injuries.

Paving stone thieves strike

Hundreds of square metres of pavement have vanished in Islington, north London. An organized gang is stealing the York stone paving in the borough's conservation areas. The paving, which costs £100 a metre, would cost £10,000 to replace. "People don't take much notice of a workgang taking up the pavement," a council spokesman said.

Couple remanded

David Adams, aged 62, and his wife, Julia, aged 54, of Ladymar Court, west Belfast, were remanded in custody by Belfast magistrates yesterday charged with making their home available to terrorists on the day of an IRA bomb attack on the Short's aircraft complex in the city in November.

200 new jobs

A £15 million depot for the distribution of chilled food, being built by by William Low, the supermarket group, will create about 200 jobs in Livingston, Lothian. The depot is to become operational in October and will supply 70 stores in Scotland and North-east England.

Algae reappears

Anglian Water Authority has posted warnings on the shores of Rutland Reservoir in Leicestershire after the discovery of potentially toxic algae. Last year, the reservoir was closed to the public after 38 sheep and dogs died when they drank water containing the blue green algae.

Two-year deal

Five thousand white collar engineering workers at Vickers Shipbuilding Engineering in Barrow, Cumbria, yesterday accepted a pay offer of 9.15 per cent this year and an inflation-linked 5.2 per cent next year, and a cut of an hour this year and one the next for those on a 39-hour week.

Killer jailed

Michael Wheldon, a building worker, of Brixton, south London, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment by the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the manslaughter of his friend, Malachy Cavanagh, whom he stabbed after waking up in a temper. A jury cleared him of murder.

Qualcast hit

Qualcast, Britain's largest producer of lawnmowers, is putting 500 workers on a three-day week at Derby and Stowmarket, Suffolk, because orders have dropped by 20 per cent during the dry weather. The firm, said the short-time working would initially last for two months.

Poll tax clash over 'rich to poor' cash switch

By RONALD FAUX

THE Government is to monitor any attempt by Bradford Council to shift resources away from prosperous areas that have benefited under the community charge to districts with high unemployment and poverty levels.

Control of the metropolitan council, once a flagship of Thatcherism with one of the lowest poll tax levels in the country, passed to Labour in the local elections. The new group has vowed to redistribute resources with less going to postal districts that fared well under the poll tax.

Mr Michael Portillo, the minister responsible for the community charge, has, however, made it clear to opposition Tories in Bradford that the Government will step in if the Labour group discriminates harshly against the better off in Bradford.

The controversy began with a policy document from the Labour group called the Priestly Plan quoting the views of the Bradford author, J B Priestley, on "the dark bog of greedy industrialization". The priority for the Labour group would be to target services so that people received good value from their poll tax but a much greater proportion of the council's income, the document said, was now contributed by areas that were most in need.

"It is imperative that there is a redistribution of resources to reflect the new priority of the council and counter the effects of deprivation and disadvantage. Targets will be set on the levels of redistribution required based on postal code areas," the document said. That was interpreted as making vulnerable the prosperous areas which had seen a net reduction in their contribution to council income.

Conservatives saw the document as a socialist genie freshly released from the bottle. Within days came rumours and reports that the better-off areas of Ilkley, Otley and Baildon would see their uncollected refuse piling up in the streets and public services diminish as the city hall redirected resources away from them.

Mr Eric Pickles, Conservative group leader, described the Labour policy as "an evil departure from the tradition that local government services should be provided on the basis of need rather than political voting habits". The Conservatives were waiting to see what happened and if the council's "redistribution" of resources was not legally watertight the Government would step in.

Mr Tommy Flanagan, the new leader of Bradford Council, yesterday rejected the accusations that the council was about the embark on spiteful discrimination against districts that had voted Tory or had benefited from the city's low community charge level.

Its policy, he said, would be entirely in line with that of the Government, which was to concentrate urban programme money on areas of priority need." Labour Party workers fear that the Conservatives, smarting after the loss of control, have been handed false information upon which many a scare story can be built. A Labour spokesman explained that the redirected resources would include such items as the £600,000 the Tories had spent on consultancy fees and a further £600,000 on putting the refuse services out to tender.

In the so-called prosperous districts, however, Tory councillors were concerned for the future quality of council services. Miss Anne Hawkesworth, of Ilkley, an area of low unemployment with a high level of home ownership and a thriving tourist industry, said: "They have all paid their community charge, they have the equal right to equal services. Why should there be victimization against Conservative areas?" Ilkley, she added, had its problem areas, as anywhere else.

Chelsea's reputation for last day bargains fails to bloom

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE last day of the Chelsea Flower Show failed yesterday to live up to its reputation as a place to get prize blooms at bargain prices as most exhibitors sold at retail prices or with paltry discounts. By midday, dozens of plants had been sold or reserved although show rules are that selling should not start until 5pm.

Sellers said it was the chance to score one up on the Joneses that made visitors pay for dusty, wilting plants that had stood five days in the heat when they could have had similar fresh flowers for the same price at their local garden centre.

Most exhibitors, however, said they were prepared to give only minor discounts and still expected to make good sales. Mr Charles Coe, of Knap Hill Nursery, offered medal-winning rhododendrons at near retail prices.

He said: "We are never quite sure why people buy them here. They like to buy what they can see rather than order from a catalogue. There is a certain kudos in buying at Chelsea. They like to go back to their neighbours and say they bought a plant when they were at the show."

Pots of seedlings at the Delphinium Society stand sold fast and flowering plants went for the normal price. "Why should we sell them cheaply?" Mr Roy Latty of the society, asked. "It is very nice to have a specimen in a pot."

Mr John Whitehead, of Colegrave Seeds, said: "People enjoy buying plants from Chelsea because they have the pleasure of talking about it to their friends and neighbours. They have seen the flowers on television and in the newspapers and now they are in their gardens."

No amount of money could persuade S&N Brackley of Buckinghamshire to sell their fading sweet peas. "These are going straight into the dustbin," a company spokesman said. "They are virtually dead. We do not expect people to buy flowers that have been here since last Saturday."

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Mrs Mandela's bodyguard guilty of murdering boy

From AFP IN JOHANNESBURG

JERRY Richardson, aged 41, one of Mrs Winnie Mandela's bodyguards, was yesterday found guilty here of murdering Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, aged 14, in a verdict sure to harm her already tarnished reputation.

Never charged or called as a witness, and advised by Mr Ismail Ayob, her lawyer, to keep silent, Mrs Mandela, wife of Mr Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress's deputy president, found herself cast as an absent defendant who should have been in the dock beside Richardson, the coach of the "Mandela United Football Club", as her bodyguards liked to be known.

Mr Justice B. O'Donovan yesterday found Richardson guilty of murdering Moeketsi, assaulting and attempting to murder a defector from the club, and kidnapping Moeketsi and three other boys from a Methodist manse in December, 1988.

Richardson took Moeketsi and the three other boys from the manse to Mrs Mandela's home in the Diepkloof Extension district of Soweto, Johannesburg's black township, on December 29, 1988, while Mr Mandela was still serving a life sentence.

What allegedly happened in the house made headlines. All three surviving boys told the court that Mrs Mandela punched, whipped and kicked them. Police brought to court the sjambok Mrs Mandela supposedly used. They testified that blood had been found on the walls, curtains and floor of the back room in Mrs Mandela's house where the boys had been held, and also in a minibus belonging to Mrs Mandela.

Moeketsi came in for the worst of the beatings. He was accused by Richardson of betraying four ANC members who had been shot dead by police at Parys, about 60 miles south-west of here. The judge said yesterday that Mrs Mandela was present on at least one occasion when the four boys were being assaulted.

The court was told that Richardson had stabbed Moeketsi to death in Soweto on New Year's Day, 1989, returning with blood on his shoes. The boy's body was not found until January 6. Prosecutors said that on January 3 Richardson knifed Andrew Ikaneng, a Mandela United defector, on open ground in the township and had left him for dead.

Richardson said he had tried to protect Mrs Mandela. He told the court that his police interrogators wanted him to implicate her. "The policeman did not like the lady, and said if I could get her into trouble, I will be okay," he said.

He claimed that the boys had come to the house of their own free will to confess to homosexual relationships with the Rev Paul Verryn, a Methodist minister.

But a defence witness contradicted his claim that Mrs Mandela was away in the Orange Free State at the time, insisting that she had seen her at the Diepkloof house on December 29 and again, this time with Moeketsi, on New Year's Eve.

On May 13, during his African tour, Mr Mandela defended his wife in Lagos, the Nigerian capital, saying: "Even now, as I am talking to you, she is still being persecuted in South Africa by the Government and its agencies." Last Tuesday he told a press conference here: "When my wife is not charged, and when the whole case centres around her, she has no way of defending herself and her innocence.

"They don't want to charge her and give her the opportunity of proving she is innocent. My wife's whole reputation is being smashed without having the opportunity to reply. If she goes there as a witness, she does not have the privileges of an accused. The way the case has been conducted is intended to defame my wife without giving her an opportunity to defend herself."

● **Bomb attacks:** The political reform process in South Africa has been threatened by a series of devastating bomb and grenade attacks in urban areas of the Transvaal which have been attributed to both the ANC and right-wing white extremists (Gavin Bell writes).

Within 24 hours, limpet mines destroyed a petrol storage depot, commercial explosives wrecked a historic monument, and hand grenades damaged municipal offices and policemen's homes in black townships. Shots were also fired at one of the police houses. A policeman and a security guard were injured in two of the incidents.

The violence coincided with an ANC pledge to continue its "armed struggle" against the Government, and with repeated threats by para-military Afrikaner organizations to resist anti-apartheid reforms.

The most spectacular raid gutted a BP and Shell depot in the northern town of Louis Trichardt on Thursday, where a petrol tanker was blown on to the roof of a new office building.

China reverts to Taoist healing

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

MANY Chinese, whether rulers or ruled, are reverting to the superstition and mysticism of feudal times as the certainties of their revolution unravel about them.

In the China of the 1990s, there are newspaper reports of mystics claiming to speak in tongues or be able to wean mosquitoes on to grass. Hundreds gather in central Peking to stare at a tree that they believe can emit vital energy. Prophecies of doom and disaster alarm the people and haunt the authorities.

In Zhongnanhai, where the leaders live in seclusion, many Chinese believe there are hundreds of practitioners of an ancient Taoist form of healing, *qigong*, helping aged and ailing Marxists to achieve a long life. Even the Army encourages *qigong*, although it has never been proved to have any scientific basis.

Superstitious beliefs have never relinquished their hold on the countryside, but now they seem to be spreading to the cities. "There are people at every level of society, from the top to the bottom, who believe in this stuff," a Peking resident said. "It is not restricted to the countryside any more. It has penetrated offices and factories, and even some educated people believe it."

Since June 4 last year, students in Peking have turned away from socialism and towards various alternatives, including Buddhism and Christianity. *Qigong* is perhaps the most popular. The theory behind *qigong* is that everyone has *qi* — vital energy — but only a few people have the ability to emit it through their palms to cure others.

Dr Wan Sujian is a military mystic. In the heart of a military area closed to foreigners, on the outskirts of Peking, Dr Wan heads an army *qigong* clinic. He joined the military in 1969, but then had to go into hiding in the hills until 1983 because *qigong* and all its practitioners were under attack.

For the next three years, Dr Wan was only allowed to treat soldiers. In 1986, the clinic was opened to civilians, and the Army now makes about 200,000 yuan (£25,000) from the clinic a year. "Most of China's leaders believe in *qigong*," Dr Wan said. "I have treated the son of Deng Xiaoping (the paramount leader). But they do not like to endorse it in public because there are so many charlatans around."

In an officially atheist state, Dr Wan admits he is a Taoist. So are all his young staff, who are the descendants of ancient *qigong* masters and who, on completing their training, are employed by the Army. At the clinic, patients are suspended by a harness over the Taoist yin and yang signs painted on the ground. The patient's limbs are pushed and pulled by invisible forces allegedly emanating from the palms of young *qigong* doctors.

The party's response to *qigong* is ambivalent. It cannot condemn something it is known to practise or endorse something so blatantly superstitious in nature and religious in origin. Its response to mysticism is not to argue rationally and scientifically, but to emphasize its own mystical aspects, creating new cults around old socialist heroes.

One mystic is now on the run from the police. Thousands assembled on the outskirts of Peking as he foretold a natural disaster that would kill most people in the year 1999. He promised that they would escape from certain death in return for 30 yuan each. To prove that he was patriotic, he donated half of his substantial earnings to the Asian Games fund. But the authorities decided his vision of imminent disaster was not conducive to their message of stability and unity.

Mr Steve Crabb, Conservation and Environment Minister in the Australian state of Victoria, inspecting yesterday some of 60 fairy penguins injured by an oil slick near Melbourne. About 100 birds died and other marine life was damaged. Fairies are the smallest in the penguin family and the only ones to breed in Australia

Hundreds of foreigners evacuated from Gabon

From SUSAN MACDONALD IN PARIS

SEVERAL hundred foreign nationals, mainly French, were yesterday evacuated from Port Gentil, Gabon's chief port, oil centre and second city, to Libreville, the capital, and then to Paris after the second night of curfew in the country failed to keep looters, some armed with rifles stolen from police stations, off the streets.

An official newspaper reported that two people had died and 17 had been injured in this week's rioting in the former French colony in West Africa. The Gabonese authorities were yesterday expelling all foreign journalists.

In a first official French Government statement on the two days of serious unrest in the former French colony, M Jacques Pelletier, the Minister of Co-operation, said in Paris yesterday that the situation continued to be "tense and worrying".

"From the beginning of the troubles," he said, "military reinforcements were sent to the capital, Libreville. After contacting the Gabonese authorities, a substantial detachment of troops was also sent to Port Gentil to protect our 2,500 French nationals and the international community residing there. The detachment will stay there as long as needed to assure the safety of the French."

Although he himself stopped short of calling the removal of foreigners an evacuation, M Pelletier said the French Government had taken the necessary steps to permit those French people who wished to do so to leave Port Gentil, which has been hit worst by the violence. In fact, a discreet airlift operation was put in place there yesterday, with women and children being first to leave.

Before the evacuation, many French people living in Port Gentil had already gone to the special privately guarded refuge centres set up by Elf Gabon and Shell Oil, the chief oil companies there, but Elf Aquitaine announced in Paris that it was not yet evacuating employees.

A Briton, nine French people — including the Consul-General — and a Gabonese were briefly taken hostage in Port Gentil on Thursday as opponents to President Bongo tried to get France to put pressure on him to resign.

In an extraordinary interview published in *Le Figaro* in Paris yesterday, President Bongo affirmed, from his heavily guarded presidential palace in Libreville, that nothing was happening in Gabon and that all was calm. Whatever trouble there was, he said, was due to the French Government's insistence that he abolish his one-party state and try a multi-party system.

Yesterday's edition of the official Gabonese *L'Union* newspaper, however, in reporting the deaths and injuries, said that the serious street rioting had left buildings burnt out, cars wrecked and shops looted in whole areas of Libreville and Port Gentil.

Full circle for Doe as rebels close the net

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN MONROVIA

WHEN a lean young army master sergeant called Samuel Doe seized power in Liberia 10 years ago, President Tolbert was bayoneted in his bed and a dozen Cabinet ministers were executed by firing squads on the capital's main beach.

Now the self-styled "Redeemer" is contemplating an equally brutal conclusion to his own regime as guerrillas fight their way steadily closer to Monrovia.

Holed up in the heavily guarded Executive Mansion, President Doe can have no illusions about the consequences of hanging on to the bitter end. Hated and feared in equal measure by the people in whose name he launched the 1980 coup, his Government is increasingly isolated in black Africa, while his once-steadfast ally, the United States, is nervously backing away from the besieged administration.

But while tension grows in Monrovia, President Doe appears to be paralysed by indecision. One day he is threatening the rebels — led by his former comrade, Mr Charles Taylor — with annihilation and calling on civilians to take up their cutlasses in his support: on another, he talks of seeking "peace, stability and unity" and piously assures the nation that he would never allow the people to suffer needlessly.

Try telling that to the families of the 10 men abducted and butchered like cattle around the capital this week. Several of the mangled bodies dumped on waste ground have been identified as those of soldiers from the garrison defending Monrovia.

They belonged to tribes which have suffered most since government troops were unleashed in Nimba county, where the present uprising began, and there is no shadow of doubt among ordinary Liberians that this was the work of death squads composed of men from the President's small but powerful tribe, the Krahn.

The fear these killings has engendered in the streets here is almost tangible and the tribal passions aroused so intense that it feels as if the tiniest incident could launch a bloodbath. The other day, two of the Krahn soldiers who guard the President strolled into a crowded bar in their distinctive red berets, brand-new assault rifles slung over the shoulder. All conversations halted, half the drinkers got up to leave, and the owner nervously produced the usual "complimentary" beers.

There are upwards of 800 of these special troops — believed to have been trained by an Israeli mercenary — stationed in the capital, and what they do if and when the moment comes for Mr Doe to flee in the executive jet, which is on permanent standby, is a topic of much uneasy speculation.

The Krahn's home ground in the south-east has been cut off by the rebel advance, and the unconfirmed reports that soldiers from the tribe were singled out for summary executions after the fall of Buchanan last weekend must have removed all thoughts of eventual surrender.

In the virtual absence of any official information — it took five months for the Government to acknowledge that a single town had been lost — worried Liberians spend half the day gossiping about what comes next.

The grapevine says that Mr Doe already has a handsome retirement fund safely out of the country and could be persuaded to leave in the right circumstances: it seems that the former sergeant, who soon promoted himself to general, is touchy about his military honour and wishes to avoid the impression of slinking from the battlefield.

Go or stay, the legacy of the Redeemer's decade is a country on its knees. Having promised an end to the "suffering, oppression and exploitation" of the poor, his regime has run Liberia into the ground. By some estimates, there is no more than $5 million (£3 million) in the Government's coffers, against international debts of about $700 million.

So what has happened to the $500 million in US aid that Mr Doe received, the largest sum per capita in all of sub-Saharan Africa? Wasted, stolen, invested in equipping an Army that fell apart as soon as it came into contact with Mr Taylor's guerrillas. It is little wonder that Washington now gives the impression of preferring to draw a veil over the life and times of the leader it once funded so generously, the man whom President Reagan once received with acclaim as a democrat on the lawn of the White House.

After that bloody day on the beach, young Sergeant Doe had spoken with evident feeling about restoring the dignity and the "civil, human and international rights" of the Liberian people. Ten years on, his regime is harshly and universally condemned by foreign human rights organizations, while some 200,000 refugees have fled into neighbouring countries out of fear of his troops.

Perhaps this is the moment for Mr Doe, pondering his options, to recall Thomas Quiwonkpa, his former comrade-in-arms who went into exile when they fell out, warning that Liberia's new ruler had no intention of restoring democracy. After the rigged elections in 1985, at which Mr Doe was formally appointed President, he returned to stage a coup that failed. About 3,000 people died in the repression that followed: Quiwonkpa was captured, tortured and hacked to pieces.

If Mr Doe decides to leave, with whatever guarantees, he would not simply be saving his own skin but finally delivering Liberians, as he once promised, from their suffering under a repressive regime.

Thai loggers 'rape' Burma teak forest

From JAMES PRINGLE IN WA LAE, THAI-BURMESE BORDER

FOR two miles along the Thai-Burmese border they lie like fallen guardsmen — tens of thousands of hardwood logs bearing a code number and stamped "Burma teak".

Standing on a short bridge, also made of teak, linking Thailand and Burma at the frontier crossing point here, one can watch the huge trucks rolling into Thailand, each with its cargo of logs. The largest intact tropical forest in mainland Asia is just dribbling away.

One foreign relief agency official, who is familiar with the frontier area here, says an "ecological catastrophe" is happening in Burma. "The Burmese military regime is allowing the Thais to rape one of the finest remaining teak forests in the world," he said.

The rape of the forest will also, doubtless, help finance tomorrow's National Assembly elections. Yesterday the Government promised an honest count. "We have arranged for voters to cast their secret ballots so as to be free and fair in every possible way," the Election Commission's secretary, U Aye Maung, told a news conference in the capital.

"Votes will be counted in the booth to rid the voters of doubt, in the presence of the polling booth team, candidates and the public," he added. The results will be announced the same night.

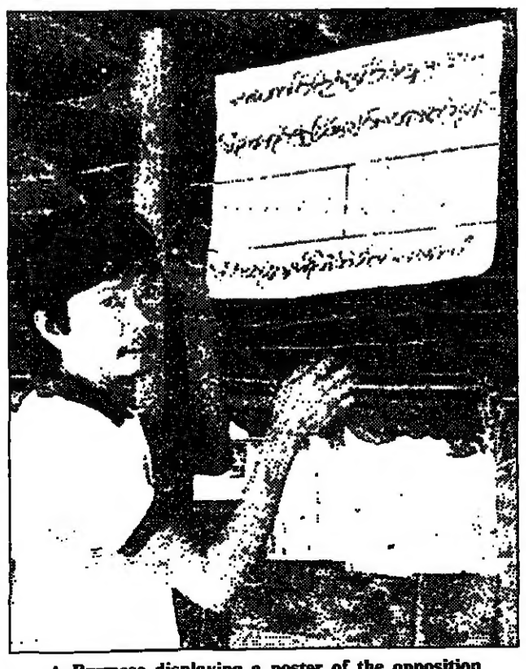
The Burmese Government also eased its ban on foreign observers by granting 61 foreign journalists last-minute visas and lifted martial law in 16 townships.

After the ruthless suppression of the pro-democracy movement in Rangoon in September, 1988, the Burmese State Law And Order Restoration Council (SLORC) of General Saw Maung was short of cash to pursue the war against ethnic minorities like the Karen. The state was down to its last $10 million (£6 million) in foreign reserves.

Now it is relatively flush with funds, and has been buying new weapons, thanks to $1 billion (£600 million) in foreign investments last year. After the killings of pro-democracy students, Western governments had cut off aid and were discouraging investment. But then General Chaowalit Yongchaiyuth, the Thai Army commander who is now Deputy Prime Minister, visited Burma and returned with generous logging, gem and fishing deals. A total of 40 logging concessions gave Thailand access to one of the world's last great teak forests.

Thailand's own forest cover had been depleted from over 50 per cent in the early 1960s to 18 per cent now. After floods, which were blamed on deforested hills, killed 351 people in southern Thailand in 1988, the Thai Government banned logging.

The Burma deal came just at the right time to keep Thailand's sawmills going.



A Burmese displaying a poster of the opposition Democracy and Peace Party in the town of Myawadi

Karen leaders claim that part of the deal involved Thailand assisting Burma to clear out minority ethnic groups, like themselves and the Mon, along the border. These groups have financed their armed struggle against the Burmese regime by small-scale logging. Curbing the insurgents would enable Thai companies, some allegedly linked to senior Thai military officers, to cut the trees unhindered by middlemen.

Foreign relief agency officials say the Thai companies are now logging the timber wealth as fast as they can. A visit here confirms this. Karen leaders and Burmese students, who fled Rangoon after the military crackdown and are living along the border, claim that the Thai military has turned a blind eye to Burmese troops crossing into Thai territory to attack their camps. In recent months the Karen have lost seven of their nine strongholds, and the students their two main bases.

Wa Lae, which was the main Karen trading post, was captured last January, sending 2,800 Karen into Thailand where they are now housed in a makeshift camp.

"The only people who can cross the border here are those who have timber concessions," a Burmese officer said as a Thai pick-up truck loaded with Thai lumberjacks crossed into Burma. It bore the words: "Zilar International Trading Company — Zitco".

These workers, like the thousands of other Thai loggers who labour inside Burma, wear a small laminated badge which is equivalent to a passport.

The Burmese officer, a major from a regiment near Mandalay, is commander of the Burmese village of Wa Lae or what is left of it. The blackened stumps of the Karens' homes are all that is left.

Karen leaders claim that "the Thai logging companies are cutting indiscriminately because they do not care for the future. One year of their cutting is equal to 10 years of ours, and they do not replant the teak as we did".

Israel denounces Arafat for 'lies and distortions'

From A CORRESPONDENT IN JERUSALEM

AN ISRAELI official said yesterday that the speech of the PLO leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, calling on the UN Security Council to set up an emergency force to protect residents of th Israeli-occupied territories and to impose sanctions against Israel was "full of lies and distortions". Israel rejected his ideas.

A statement issued by Mr Avi Pazner, spokesman for the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, said: "Here again Arafat has used the United Nations as a platform for a vicious attack on Israel, making accusations that are full of lies and distortion, and raising proposals which he knows have no chance whatsoever to be accepted by Israel."

Mr Arafat had said: "The situation now requires urgent action". Mr Arafat called upon the council, meeting in Geneva for the first time because of doubts whether the United States would grant him a visa to go to New York, to impose sanctions on Israel in the light of the success of sanctions on South Africa.

He also urged the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, to designate an envoy to work full time on bringing peace to the region or undertake the mission himself.

Even before Mr Arafat spoke in Geneva, Israeli officials were voicing opposition to his expected call for sending a UN team to protect Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr Shamir told Israel radio that even a temporary observation group would not be welcome.

"Our position is clear," Mr Shamir said. "We think that it is unnecessary and damaging to send observers of any kind, even for a short period." Israel has become increasingly isolated abroad and has rejected even its main ally, the US, which says it is willing to discuss sending a team of observers to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A curfew remained in force throughout the Gaza Strip yesterday, confining more than 700,000 Palestinians to their homes. In the West Bank, military road blocks prevented Palestinians from travelling to Jerusalem.The Army said the steps were taken to prevent protests during Muslim prayer services. Residents of the territories have been under curfew almost continuously since last Sunday, when violent demonstrations broke out after an Israeli man opened fire on Gaza workers, killing eight of them and wounding 11.

Since then, another 15 Palestinians have died, most in stone-throwing clashes with the Army, and more than 800 have been injured.

In violence yesterday, a 45-year-old Israeli was stabbed in the chest by Palestinians as he worked on a farm in a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank. The Army identified the man as Zvi Ebaz, and said he was in stable condition at Tel Hashomer hospital in Israel.

Mr Arafat's call for a UN observer team has been endorsed by about three dozen Palestinian leaders who have been on a hunger strike in Jerusalem since last Sunday's massacre. Yesterday nine Palestinians launched a second hunger strike in the Gaza Strip, saying they wanted the UN Secretary-General to tour the region to see the circumstances under which they are suffering.

Kohl kick: Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, kicking a ball watched by members of the West German football side at Kamen, near Dortmund, where the team is preparing for next month's World Cup in Italy

Kohl rejects a world without nuclear arms

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

HERR Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday firmly rejected any idea of a world without an atomic deterrent, insisting in a speech to the closing session of the Interparliamentary Disarmament Conference that "a minimum of nuclear weapons" is necessary "to guarantee our security into the future".

However, he did not define what he meant by "a minimum" and left open the question of whether he was prepared to see them based on German soil. His belief that such weapons were necessary, he emphasized, was "in a global concept".

Herr Kohl said it was "a utopian demand" to seek a world free from atomic weapons, and said that pursuing this concept would slow down the process of reducing the nuclear arsenal. Referring to those who wanted to do away with atomic weapons as "the great simplists", he insisted that the nuclear deterrent had been responsible for ensuring the longest period of peace in recent history.

Significantly, while welcoming the American decision not to modernize Nato's short-range missiles and nuclear artillery, which are largely based in West Germany, he did not refer to the idea of replacing them with airborne missiles. This has already been rejected by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, who has said that building such weapons would start a dangerous new nuclear arms race.

Earlier this week Herr Volker Rühe, the general secretary of Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats, said that nuclear weapons would be only necessary in Europe to deter the use of other nuclear weapons. With Nato's acknowledgement that the Warsaw Pact had realistically ceased to exist, he saw no need to provide a "nuclear umbrella" to protect conventional forces.

The signs are that, despite Herr Kohl's support for atomic weapons, the West German Government is manoeuvring to have them withdrawn from German soil. The Chancellor's real worry yesterday was that the conventional arms negotiations in Vienna were being bogged down by the Soviet Union.

The United States has made it plain that it will not take part in a summit of the 35 member nations of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe this autumn unless there is an agreement in Vienna. Since the main purpose of the summit is to recognize a united Germany, early reunification hinges on the Vienna talks.

West German policy is in consequence concentrating on finding ways which will overcome Soviet obstacles. Herr Kohl said it was essential to make it clear that the Vienna agreement was only a stepping stone on the way to negotiations on more reductions in conventional weapons and forces, including those of a united Germany. The Nato summit in Britain in July would have to agree on the kind of figures which the alliance wanted to negotiate.

This is the reason behind Herr Genscher's visit to the foreign ministers of the Second World War allies. He saw Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, on Wednesday, M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, on Thursday, and Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, yesterday. He sees Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, on Monday.

His aides say he has persuaded Mr Shevardnadze that it is in Soviet interests to reach a quick agreement in Vienna, as only then will it be possible to begin talks on two of the issues most urgent to the Kremlin: limiting the size of a united Germany's army and opening negotiations on reducing short-range nuclear weapons.

Mr Shevardnadze has apparently told him that, if these assurances are made at the next round of talks between the two Germanies and the four allies, due in late June in East Berlin, the Vienna negotiations will move ahead swiftly and the Soviet Union will no longer seek to delay a decision on the military alliances of a united Germany until after reunification.

Herr Genscher has been urging the Western allies to make these assurances. His advice is that this must be part of a package which President Gorbachov can present to the next Communist Party Congress in July, which can show that he has won positive achievements.

The West German assessment is that President Gorbachov's greatest strength at the summit is, paradoxically, his domestic weakness and that he will need concessions to bolster his position. The view is that a "Gorbachov aid package" can be put together which need include no more than has already been conceded. It comprises the agreement not to modernize short-range nuclear weapons, the decision to remove all chemical weapons from West Germany, and the promise of economic and technical aid from the West.

Far-right leader quits in poll row

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

HERR Franz Schonhüber, the charismatic leader of the radical right-wing Republicans in West Germany, yesterday resigned after weeks of bitter internal wrangling following recent poor election results.

With the party executive voting six to one for him to step down, he issued an angry farewell statement blaming "a small extremist clique of functionaries" for making his position untenable.

Herr Schonhüber said he intended to stand again for the leadership at the party conference next month. His main opponent will be Herr Harald Neubauer, a former close associate, who is now the party's chairman in Bavaria. According to Herr Schonhüber, his rival's views are undemocratic because he has put himself up as candidate in the Bavarian state elections without waiting to be approved by the party.

Herr Schonhüber has called on the party's members — said now to number no more than around 25,000 — to stay loyal to him so that they can vote out the "extremist clique" next month and recreate a party of which they can be proud. However, the party's internal ideological arguments in recent months have ended with deep divisions that have made it difficult to heal.

From winning more than 7 per cent of the vote to take six seats in the European Parliament just over a year ago, the party has seen its key policies virtually taken over by the main parties or overtaken by events. This is because Herr Schonhüber was always careful to sound reasonable and to appeal to German patriotism rather than to extreme neo-Nazi support. The Republicans were thus officially described as "radical" by counter-intelligence, who did not maintain surveillance on them in the same way as on the Communists or illegal fascist organizations.

Now that new laws restrict the entry of foreigners, restrictions are being put in place on East German settlers and German unity is going ahead swiftly, the Republicans, as a far-right but carefully legal protest group, have lost their natural constituents in West Germany, though they do have some illicit support in East Germany.

In Bavaria, where they were founded and are strongest, they failed to win more than a handful of seats in the local elections in March. In the two state elections this month, in Lower Saxony and in North Rhine-Westphalia, they failed to take even 2 per cent of the vote. The result has been that some of the leadership have decided they must move further right in order to keep support. Several of them have already been prosecuted for incitement and Herr Schonhüber believes that the party will be outlawed if it strays from the relatively moderate path he has mapped out for it.

In the past, he has shunned involvement with the National Democratic Party (NPD) or the German People's Union, two of the far-right splinter groups which continue to survive on the very fringes of legality. He has publically condemned Nazism as an out-of-date concept and claims that he stands for the future. It is a pose carefully designed to make the party seem respectable and which was highly successful last year, making the Republicans into a potent pressure group which threatened to drag Herr Helmut Kohl's Government off course to the right.

Now that the election results are proving disappointing, the more extremist members are seeking to exploit the resentment against foreigners and East German settlers, particularly in areas with poor housing and high unemployment. Like Herr Schonhüber, they also argue that the Government must not be allowed to "surrender" land inside the present Polish borders, but unlike him they hint darkly at being ready to fight to keep it.

Romania waits for lurid details of Ceausescu lifestyle

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER
BUCHAREST

THE trial of Mr Nicu Ceausescu, the former Romanian Minister of Youth, notorious drunkard, womanizer and petty tyrant, opens today in the picturesque Transylvanian town of Sibiu which was his personal fiefdom during the three years that he was chief of the Communist Party organization there.

The Romanian public, which has been saturated with lurid tales of the decadence of the Ceausescus' youngest and favoured son since the December revolution, is keenly awaiting the proceedings in the hope that they will confirm tales of a lifestyle which vied with that of some of the most dissolute Roman emperors.

Since Mr Ceausescu, aged 39, was arrested on December 22 while trying to escape with one of his many lovers, the Romanian media have been filled with stories of how he flaunted the power bestowed on him by his parents who expected that he would eventually become the leader of Romania.

Both Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu ignored reports circulating in their lifetime about how their son drank whisky straight from the bottle, picked fights with the husbands of women he desired, and held orgies in the various family mansions. He was also reputed to have gambled away a whole stable of Arab thoroughbreds

In the absence of his father and mother, both executed on December 25, Mr Nicu Ceausescu has become the figure on which the hatred and resentment for the way in which the family flaunted its position has been focused. One attempt has already been made to kill him, but he has recovered after surgery from the stab wound.

According to government sources, the younger Ceausescu, always referred to as "the Prince" and known for his trademark, a Rolex gold watch, in a country where watches of any kind were hard to come by, has remained unrepentant. During his five months in jail he has become the self-appointed leader of all the prisoners

"It would seem that the man has no shame. He feels that he really did nothing wrong and has so far shown no inclination to express any remorse," one well-placed Romanian official said. "But his way of life has left its mark on his health, and there was a suspicion that he might be suffering from liver cancer."

Under the indictment delivered by the Military Tribunal, Mr Ceausescu is to be tried on genocide charges which carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. These relate specifically to accusations that he ordered troops to open fire on peaceful demonstrators in Sibiu, killing 89 people and wounding a further 219. He is also being tried on lesser firearms charges.

The trial, originally scheduled to take place in early January has been postponed many times. No official reason has been given, but legal sources maintained that the authorities were attempting to persuade him to reveal the whereabouts of some £400 million the Ceausescus are believed to have stashed away in secret Swiss bank accounts.

There has also been concern among the ruling National Salvation Front, whose candidate for President, Mr Ion Iliescu, was confirmed in office yesterday, to make the proceedings legal, fair and above board.

The Government is acutely aware of the severe damage done to Romania's post-revolutionary image by the summary trial and execution of the dictator and his wife.

Another government official explained: "We are determined to make this trial as proper as we can in the difficult circumstances. I do not expect it to dwell on Nicu's decadent life, although that is what most Romanians would love to hear about."

Among the mass of post-revolutionary rumour, one story about Mr Ceausescu that has been well authenticated was his sexual domination of Miss Nadia Comaneci, the former Romanian gymnast who captivated the world when she won three gold medals at the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

Her mother recently told a Western news agency that Mr Ceausescu, who was divorced from his wife, had dominated her daughter "body and soul" and that during one visit to his home, Nadia had one of her fingernails pulled out for refusing to comply with his sexual demands.

Many other stories of his extraordinary decadence are chronicled in *Red Horizons*, the memoirs of Mr Ion Pacepa, the former head of the Romanian foreign intelligence service who defected to the United States.

Mr Pacepa retails endless stories of his heavy drinking and his exploitation of his role as the pampered son of the Ceausescus who refused to believe that he had any faults. The most notorious occasion, now retold in loving detail by Romanians who have been able to read the book in translation for the first time, concerns a fabulously drunken dinner given by the then Foreign Minister, Mr Stefan Andrei.

"'A waiter came in with a silver platter full of oysters", Mr Pacepa recalled. 'Put it here in the middle,' ordered Nicu, pointing towards the table.'Is there any seasoning on them?'

"'They are just fresh and raw, Comrade Nicu', replied the waiter. 'They need seasoning, you idiot. This is not a cathouse, it is a VIP club.' He precariously climbed up on to the table and started urinating on them, careful to 'season' every oyster. 'Come on comrades, let's have an oyster', he urged his guests while unsuccessfully trying to pick up an oyster for himself.

"It took Andrei and Pacoste (the Deputy Foreign Minister) some time to get Nicu back on to a chair. 'Nobody's eating? Who does not like my seasoning? Then I will wash them off.' And Nicu started squirting a syphon bottle over the oysters and over the rest of us sitting at the table.'"

Although Nicu's sadistic whims and playboy lifestyle came to symbolize the moral bankruptcy of the Ceausescu regime, he is still remembered with a certain affection in Sibiu, a town which he ensured was plentifully supplied with all the basic goods unavailable in most other parts of the country.

A local journalist, Mr Liviu Tipurita, said: "He was not very hated in Sibiu until the revolution, but the killings shattered the positive image he cultivated."

Solidarity faces tough test of its popularity

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

WRESTLING with a volatile rail strike, the Solidarity-led Government tomorrow faces an important test of its popularity and authority in local council elections, the first truly free poll in Poland for more than 50 years.

The last few days of the election campaign have been dominated by the strike of railway workers, the first big challenge to the Government since it came to power in September. Negotiations with the strikers have broken down. The railway workers, who want big wage increases and a purge of the railway hierarchy, met in Slupsk yesterday to decide whether to stage a nationwide protest.

Electric trains, the usual commuter transport for shipyard workers, were at a standstill in Gdansk, and Gdynia, the port of Szczecin, was completely cut off. Fuel supplies are piling up in the Baltic ports unable to reach factories.

Mr Alfred Miodowicz, of the former OPZZ communist union movement, who is representing the strikers, declared yesterday: "We do not want to overthrow the whole Government — but a few ministers will have to go."

The rail strike is turning tomorrow's local council elections into something of a national referendum: are you in favour of the Government's sharp-shock market reforms, or not? The belated support of Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, for the Government, and his refusal to represent the strikers, makes the issue clearer.

Many Poles will vote for the so-called citizens' committees — a political vehicle for Solidarity, though they contain the seeds of many parties — to show their contempt for the railway strike. Mr Henryk Wujec, one of the chief organizers of the citizens' committees, says that the cumulative Solidarity vote on Sunday, taking into account candidates from the citizens' committees, union-sponsored councillors and Farmers' Solidarity, should be more than 50 per cent.

Local council elections never add up to a completely reliable measure of national government. Extreme right-wing parties will be contesting the local elections; communists are for the most part not standing as communists, or even Social Democrats, but as independents. Up to 44 per cent of candidates consider themselves independent.

Opinion polls show that more than 40 per cent of young voters want to vote for ecologists; the result is that many ex-communists have turned from red to green in the past few weeks.

Many of the smaller parties are forming coalitions, largely to save money. The new democracy is proving to be a costly business. Solidarity has the biggest fund-raising capacity, but even it is having problems. Mr Wujec says he has been able to collect $50,000 (£29,500) from Polish businessmen in the United States and Canada. That amounts to a mere $1,000 for every province.

Mr Krzystof Krol, of the right-wing Confederation for Independent Poland, believes that party funding is pivotal to the East European democratic revolution. "In last year's parliamentary elections, Solidarity was able to spend about $600 a candidate, whereas we had only $8 — now the gap is narrowing but there is still not enough."

Britain is allocating £20,000 for the future local governments in Poland, but the campaign costs are mainly borne by individual candidates.

The Princess Royal sightseeing with a Soviet official in Red Square yesterday

Yeltsin upstages Princess

From RICHARD OWEN IN MOSCOW

IT WAS almost certainly unintentional, given the admiration that Mr Boris Yeltsin has for the West and his disapproval of the murder of Russia's own royal family by the Bolsheviks.

But yesterday the blunt and unorthodox politician took centre stage in Moscow by seeking the presidency of the Russian Federation in a clear challenge to President Gorbachov, and in so doing managed to upset the programme for the current visit to the Soviet capital by the Princess Royal, disrupting her planned tour of the former private apartments of the Russian tsar inside the Kremlin.

The Princess appeared puzzled rather than put out as her official motorcade, after entering the Kremlin gates, suddenly veered off towards the armoury instead of heading for the Terem Palace, which houses the former Russian royal apartments.

Embarrassed Soviet officials explained that the palace had been suddenly, if temporarily, occupied by teams of secretaries clearing the mound of paperwork involved in the current session of the congress of the Russian Federation, where Mr Yeltsin has been staging his political comeback.

"Everything was turned upside down," complained Colonel Peter Gibbs, the Princess's private secretary. He said it had been understood earlier that the tsar's apartments were to be on the itinerary.

Both the British Embassy and the Soviet authorities said it had been clear all along that the Princess Royal's visit was "subject to change in view of the situation" and might have to be "rejigged".

Apparently unaffected by the sudden change in schedule, the Princess joined American tourists marvelling at the gold and silver collection in the recently restored armoury. She chatted with an American from Nashville, remarking that she had ridden there several times.

Chief among the objects on display at the armoury was a pricesless Fabergé egg decorated — appropriately enough in the circumstances — with miniatures of the last Tsar's children.

Afterwards the Princess laid a wreath of British Legion poppies by the eternal flame at the Kremlin wall, which commemorates the Soviet Union's war dead.

She also went on an unscheduled walkabout in Red Square, met leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church, and addressed students at Moscow University.

Ryzhkov tries to calm alarm on price rises

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MR NIKOLAI Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, yesterday called for calm and restraint as reports of panic-buying and protest demonstrations against planned price rises came in from all over the country. Speaking at a hastily organized press conference, Mr Ryzhkov staunchly defended his economic reform programme as essential to pull the Soviet Union out of its economic crisis and said he had no intention of resigning.

Demands for his resignation and for a vote of no confidence in the Government had come from radical opposition deputies in parliament after the presentation of the Government's programme to parliament on Thursday. Other deputies, however, had criticized the programme for going too far too fast, saying that the Soviet public was not ready for a market economy, or for the price rises that would accompany it.

Mr Ryzhkov said it was up to the Soviet parliament — the Supreme Soviet — to decide whether there should be a formal referendum on the measures, which include hefty price rises on most staple goods, but he gave an assurance that everyone would be given an opportunity to express their views. He said he had not mentioned the possibility of a referendum because there was no constitutional provision for such a form of consultation, although a law is in the drafting stage.

The Prime Minister denied that his programme, designed to transfer the Soviet economy to market principles over five years, was completely new. He insisted that it was simply a development of the Government's economic recovery programme which was approved by the full Soviet Congress of People's Deputies in December.

That programme was subsequently criticized for its caution and the Government was instructed by President Gorbachov in March to defend the trebling of bread and flour prices from July 1, Mr Ryzhkov said that if the country's grain problem could be solved, "we would have solved half the food problem". He asked rhetorically: "Why give money to Canadian and American peasants when we could give it to our own?"

Soviet grain purchases are expected to be high on President Gorbachov's agenda for his visit to Canada next week and to the US in June.

In Moscow, Mr Gavriil *Popov, the newly elected* mayor, was quoted as saying that the city council had not been informed of the proposed price rises in advance and had been placed in an impossible position. The council is expected to announce that most food and consumer goods would be sold only to people with Moscow residence permits, with immediate effect, in an attempt to stem panic-buying. Although Leningrad and some other Soviet cities already have a purchase-by-passport system, Moscow has stated its opposition to such measures on the grounds that they only fuel black-marketeering.

A 3,000-strong demonstration on Thursday in one suburb of the capital sent a petition to the Russian Federation's congress, accusing Mr Ryzhkov and his Government of "lacking competence and simple logic", and demanding that all officials be put on salaries of 70 roubles (£70) a month, with a 35 rouble increment for price risers.

Speaking of the opposition to the Government's programme, Mr Ryzhkov disclosed that one of President Gorbachov's chief economic advisers, Dr Nikolai Petrakov, had declined an invitation to chair the Government's commission on prices earlier this year. Mr Ryzhkov said that at that time, Dr Petrakov had dissociated himself from price regulation, but had now come out in favour of centrally controlled prices.

Mr Ryzhkov quoted the example of Dr Petrakov as evidence that even economic experts were not consistent in their solutions to rescue the Soviet economy, but his remarks also appeared to confirm reports of disagreement between Mr Ryzhkov and President Gorbachov on how the transition to a market economy should be tackled.

Russian shops besieged

From RICHARD OWEN IN MOSCOW

BREAD and bread products go up in price on July 1, and yesterday ordinary Russians reacted by besieging the sparsely stocked food shops of main Soviet cities and clearing almost everything off the shelves in panic buying.

The transition to a "regulated market economy", as outlined this week by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, will not begin to take effect until next year, and given the criticism to which it has been subjected may not survive in its present form.

But by lunchtime yesterday staple products such as flour and rice were hard to find in Moscow, and in many shops meat was non-existent.

At one drab self-service food shop in the suburbs — "supermarket" conveys the wrong impression of abundance and efficiency — shoppers bundling packets of rice and flour into their bags were reprimanded by the white-coated manageress, who imposed a form of rationing, apparently without reference to higher authority.

"One kilo per person, comrade shoppers," she announced sternly, forcing people to empty their bags and wire baskets. Pasta was limited to one packet per person. By the end of the day, little remained except jars of pickles and tins of fish spurned by even the panic-stricken.

The proposed reform, which has most Russians baffled by its reference to "market forces", involves the end of subsidies, reduction of the state sector and the introduction of private property. There will be a referendum, and the Supreme Soviet has to approve. But prices are expected to double in 1991, with the price of bread, unchanged for at least 30 years, being tripled within five weeks.

Lithuania cuts fuel supplies

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN TALLINN

WITH discussions between the Kremlin and the Government of Lithuania once again at a standstill, the economic sanctions against the country are beginning to bite deeply. The Government yesterday ordered the legal issue of petrol to be restricted to food-transport and emergency services, and ended the supply of hot water for domestic and industrial use.

The Government estimates that up to 100,000 people, of a total population of only 3.7 million, will be out of work from Monday. For the moment the unemployed will be sent on paid holidays or given two-thirds of their salaries by their factories. But some managers have said that, irrespective of the rules, they can keep up such payments for only a few weeks.

Supporting so many unemployed from the state budget and private donations *seems next to impossible.* What is left, therefore, is the possibility of foreign assistance.

The steep rise in unemployment is above all caused by the exhaustion of petrol for transport and of fuel stocks for heating water, which means that most industries relying on steam for their production are being forced to close.

Among those hit is the food processing industry. At present, however, Vilnius is still much better provided with food than most Soviet cities, and only imported items like sugar and cooking oil are in seriously short supply. Most ordinary people do not believe hunger is an actual threat.

Despite the crisis, Lithuania still seems determined not to suspend its declaration of independence, as President Gorbachov has again demanded. Lithuania's leaders met yesterday to discuss the economic situation, but apparently did not discuss the Soviet leader's statement that independence could take place within two or three years if they followed Soviet procedures.

Mr Vytautas Antanaitis, one of the Lithuanian representatives who met Mr Gorbachov in Moscow on Thursday, has said that he had accompanied his offer with a warning that he might impose presidential rule if the declaration was not suspended.

Trial puts CIA on the spot

New York — The US Government may be forced to reveal how much the CIA paid General Manuel Noriega, the ousted Panamanian leader (James Bone writes). His lawyers had threatened to withdraw from the case unless part of his assets were unfrozen to pay their fees.

The lawyers argued that since he received funds from American intelligence while he was in power, not all his assets were tainted by the drug conspiracy charges he faces.

Shark victim

Mayport, Florida — A pair of feet found in the belly of a shark have been tentatively identified from the sneakers as those of Thomas Caron, who has been missing since his boat capsized during a fishing trip last month. *(AP)*

Peak conquered

Kathmandu — Mr Mark Udall, a member of an American expedition, has conquered the 28,169ft Kangchenjunga, the world's third highest mountain, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry said. *(AFP)*

Guards killed

Baghdad — An Iranian Kurdish group says its guerrillas killed 15 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in an ambush and attacked the University of Orumiyeh. *(AP)*

Killer to hang

Tunis — Nacer Damergi, aged 50, a sex killer dubbed "the Nabeul strangler" has been sentenced to hang for murdering 12 people aged between seven and 20. *(Reuter)*

Arson feared

Norrkoping — Swedish police suspect arsonists caused a fire that destroyed immigrant housing in the town, of Kimstad. *(Reuter)*

Family outing

Harare — When Mr Thuma Nzumakasa, aged 68, wanted to take his children to town to get birth certificates, a coach had to be hired for the occasion. He has 136 offspring and 24 wives. *(AFP)*

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by James Bone

Aids show pits the artist against family values

New York has the distinction of being not only the art capital of the world, but also — according to one recent report — the city worst afflicted with Aids. So it is not surprising that anger about the disease is increasingly finding its way into art. It is a volatile mix. The latest episode pits the artist David Wojnarowicz, who has the Aids virus, against the conservative American Family Association.

Wojnarowicz, who leapt to prominence last year when he wrote a scorching introduction to a government-subsidized show on Aids, has sued the Mississippi-based pressure group for defaming him as "a mere pornographer and not a serious visual artist". He is seeking $5 million (£3 million), alleging that the association copied his work without authorization and then sent 14 "severely cropped" images to church leaders, businessmen and politicians.

The 178,000-piece mass mailing described his work as "extremely offensive". The association was protesting against a $15,000 government grant for the catalogue of Wojnarowicz's last exhibition — held in Normal, Illinois.

Look closer at any shrub in a public place in New York and you will quite probably find it is wearing a small padlock and chain. A wave of plant thefts has forced landscape gardeners to consult locksmiths and security guards. On the plush Upper East Side, landscapers are chaining 6ft trees to underground breeze blocks and devices called duck-billed anchors. In Sheridan Square in Greenwich Village, the Scotch broom shrub is secured with steel links.

The saddest tale comes from Mrs Patricia Buckley, wife of the writer William F. Buckley. The couple fought a losing battle to keep a pair of small fir trees outside their front door off Park Avenue. They put the trees in large stone Grecian urns, but thieves just stole them. After losing two sets of two, they tried cementing the urns to the pavement. The thieves sawed them off at the base. Next, the Buckleys switched to square wooden tubs, cemented in place; the thieves dug up the trees. "Now I think I have beaten them," says Mrs Buckley. "I found some trees that nobody would want to steal. They're terribly scraggly things surrounded by rather dreadful looking ivy, but at least they're mine."

The French may have their Académie Française to oversee the progress of the language. New Yorkers have the high schools of Brooklyn and the Bronx. Mr Peter Commanday, a former teacher, has updated the lexicon with a primer of 221 of the latest expressions of street slang.A girl is a "zimmer", a good-looking girl a "flywoman" and an ugly girl, mysteriously, a "croak dag".

A tough guy is labelled a "hard rock case", a friend is known as a "homeboy" and a pervert a "lemon drop". The relatively old-fashioned refrain "no problem" is replaced by "ain't no thang". "Cool" becomes "def", an abbreviation of "definitely". Inevitably, *the youngsters' language is most* creative when it comes to the rapidly changing culture of drugs. To "beam up" has less to do with the Starship Enterprise than getting high on crack cocaine.

Mr Commanday, aged 57, claims to have broken up 1,000 fights and confiscated 400 weapons during his 15 years of service, but says: "The human tongue is the most volatile, dangerous weapon brought into a school building."

Begging is now officially banned on New York subways after a recent court ruling that it did not qualify as constitutionally protected free speech, but rather amounted to near-assault. The city's homeless can still make their nickels and dimes below ground, however, by hawking the newspaper *Street News*. Set up eight months ago, the tabloid weekly describes itself as "America's motivational non-profit newspaper".

The down-and-outs pay 30 cents for each copy and keep the difference between that and the *cover price of 75 cents. Its launch* was greeted with enthusiasm as celebrities and philanthropists fell over each other to get involved. Circulation has soared to 150,000. Yet the publication is now in trouble. Two of the five board members have resigned and eight salaried staff have walked out, protesting about the "erratic and irresponsible" behaviour of Hutchinson Persons, the 34-year-old rock musician from Ohio who founded the paper.

Mr Marrack Goulding, the British head of the UN peacekeeping forces, cut short his visit to the Persian Gulf last week to attend to the problems in Nicaragua, where the UN is afraid it will be sucked into a renewed civil war because of the Contras' reluctance to demobilize. UN peacekeepers are on the scene to receive the Contras' arms. Wags at headquarters here describe them as "contra-ceptives."

Not just black and white

Clifford Longley

Nothing will more undermine the efforts to make Britain a racially fair society than confusion between race, culture and religion. The two false categories responsible for the confusion are "ethnic" and "black", both American imports which do not work here. In Britain, the principal element in the definition of ethnicity is race — meaning in this context "non-white" — but language, country of national origin, social custom and religious belief are also embraced by the word.

In response to the influx of people from the West Indies and the Indian sub-continent it was deemed necessary in the 1970s to make it unlawful to stir up animosity against them, or to treat them individually less fairly than the indigenous white population. The focus was unmistakably on skin-colour; the moral argument was that it was outrageous to relegate a group of people to second-class status because of mere pigmentation.

In its American context, ethnicity refers not mainly to skin-colour, but to all the characteristics of the many cultural groups. Most of the American ethnic minorities are white Europeans; here, ethnicity is a euphemism for colour. But as talk of "ethnicity" has replaced talk about "race" the outlawing of racial discrimination has gradually been extended to all ethnic discrimination.

This change of terms was originally intended to prevent circumvention of the discrimination laws by reference to related non-racial characteristics. It seemed necessary to make it unlawful to say "turban-wearers need not apply"; but this ignored the fact that turbans are worn for religious, not racial, reasons.

Those communities which derive from the Indian sub-continent define themselves under many headings. Religion would be one of the first, skin-colour one of the last. But discrimination strictly on the grounds of religion or culture is not illegal. So to avail themselves of anti-discrimination legislation, these groups had to make use of the law's definition of them according to skin-colour. The gradual substitution of ethnicity for race brought within the anti-discrimination laws matters which were much more important to them than skin-colour. In the process, however, the moral basis of the anti-discrimination legislation has been undermined.

All reasonable people accept that skin-colour is an accidental characteristic which ought not to be the basis for important decisions affecting individuals. But the other components in the ethnic package — language in particular — might well be proper grounds for discrimination, for they are similar to the reasons for choices ordinary people make every day, with no racial motivation. Members of ethnic minorities certainly think so themselves.

It is perverse to treat such discrimination as morally or legally equivalent to colour discrimination, or to argue that anyone exercising a cultural preference is individually racist, or that society is thereby structurally racist.

The decent instincts of ordinary people are by no means the same as the judgements drawn from some tendentious ideological analyses of race relations. The analysts have devised a primary sociological determinant called "black" and invested it with elements of Marxist class-struggle. And although it has wide currency among non-Marxists, the concept is inexplicable without the ideological context, and probably in itself racist. Regarding as "black" someone with only one grandparent of African origin, for instance, is dangerously evocative of South African or Nazi doctrines of racial purity. Recruiting such people as automatic *ex officio* members of the struggling proletariat may be less offensive, but is no less questionable.

Such classifications are dangerous whether they judge white or black to be beautiful. There can be no surprise if this ideological treatment of race relations finds deep structural white racism everywhere. Race is crucial, says the theory; everyone is a racist.

Since this is a Marxist analysis, it does not consider religion at all. Only recently — and thanks largely, though unintentionally, to Salman Rushdie — have people recognized the absurdity of treating British Muslims as if their primary characteristic were the similarity of their skin-colour to that of West Indians (a similarity apparent only to those with white skins), when British Muslims themselves insist that their determining characteristic is their faith. More and more Asians, Muslims and others, now reject the term "black".

"Black" was a white label, adopted by the people to whom it was applied. They did not realize its dangers, probably because the people applying the label seemed to be on their side. In the peculiar American context in which the concept first arose, pride in blackness was devised as an antidote to shame about blackness; but both attitudes assumed that skin-colour was the one crucial element of personal identity. So the American race relations problem was defined in a way which was inherently insoluble, and which made all attempted solutions likely to exacerbate it.

Fortunately this is a mistake Britain can now avoid, for the conflict between Rushdie and the Muslim community has come just in time to explode the myths of British race relations ideology.

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MATTHEW PARRIS

"I was 67 and I just went into the kitchen to fix myself a coffee," an old lady is said to have remarked, "I come out and I'm 82. Where did it all go?"

Someone has pressed the Divine "fast forward" button. Somewhere above, an invisible hand is winding events on, faster and faster until, to the cackle of demonic laughter, we shall all fall flat on our faces.

As the Commons reached its short Spring Recess, gasping, on Thursday, MPs and journalists reeled across New Palace Yard towards the gates. Through our minds span the parliamentary circuses of the last few days: the Badgers Bill, Ravenscraig, the Agriculture Minister's daughter's hamburger, the Labour Party's new policy document, Edwina Currie's return from Bucharest ... it is all happening at once. The sublime, the ridiculous — jumbled, shuffled and speeded up.

Already, there is too much. Romania, Czechoslovakia — hey, what happened to Yugoslavia? — Estonia, Latvia ... What's that you say — Pakistan back in the Commonwealth? When? I missed that. Somebody keeps moving the furniture around and I can't remember where I put my drink.

Reactor rods emit radioactivity in a field around them with a force which dwindles over time. We measure "half-life": the time it takes before their potency is half its initial level. Do not events, too, exert a force-field? At first their influence is strong, their reputation flares. Gradually it fades.

But time is not the only factor. Rival events dull each other's shine, too. The next big story drags attention away from the last. The faster things happen, the less time we allow each on centre stage.

There seemed to be an era when big shocks were helpfully spaced out. When they did occur they retained potency. Suez, Hungary, the Berlin blockade ... these things cast strong shadows far out over the Cold War years. The Vietnam war, the Algerian war, Mau-Mau and Eoka in Cyprus — they seemed permanent. Shock-waves from the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan reverberated for years. Each of these events (it seemed) had a half-life which was very substantial. They continued "making" history long after they were over. Even the Harold Wilson-Ian Smith talks on board HMS Tiger dominated headlines for weeks, while Rhodesia's UDI remained a major issue for a decade.

Politicians, they say, now stagger from crisis to crisis. But the crises have lost their power to bite. Their half-life has shrunk. I lose count of the things that were going to be the last nail in Mrs Thatcher's coffin: the Libyan bombing, her go-it-alone on Europe, "top people's pay awards", bus deregulation, Mark Thatcher and Cementation, the privatization of water ... Where are they now? I cannot even remember the order in which they came.

If we placed news stories, like pop records, on a weekly hit-parade of topicality — the charts from the 1950s to the 1970s were slow-moving. "Evergreens" lasted for years, and even the stories of the moment stayed in the charts for months. But now nothing tops the parade longer than a week.

Abroad, it started with *glasnost*; the overthrow of Ceausescu; the breaching of the Berlin Wall; Poland; Germany ... and there you go again, spinning faster and faster ... What's that you say? Namibia? Remind me, what *is* Namibia? And Listeria — where was that again? Remind me, too, what *did* happen to the story about Lithuania in chickens? Perhaps Mrs Currie has found the answer in Romania.

As New Wave hit music, so, in domestic "news", punk rules. The greenhouse heats us, prisoners lynch sex offenders, mad cow's totter, and crack spreads. Journalists everywhere are rapping and vogueing like things possessed. It is the news-equivalent of sensory overload.

And I weary. Play me, please, just one more time, the golden oldies I once knew by heart: Harry Truman and his orchestra — they had tunes you could remember; Nikita K and the KGB boys — that was a rhythm you could hold on to; Jack Kennedy and his Cuban missile strings — it rhymed, the words made sense; or the big band sound of Yalta. Now there was something you could whistle.

Mary Ann Sieghart finds little comfort for the Conservatives in the latest opinion polls

Bootle, sign of Labour's solid lead

This week's by-election in Bootle had none of the glamour of its Mid-Staffordshire predecessor. Neither TV cameras nor cabinet ministers deigned to descend on the constituency in any numbers, as the outcome was so predictable. But the shares of the vote won by the big parties show that Labour is still respectably, if not spectacularly, beating the Tories.

For Labour to squeeze a 9.75 per cent swing out of a constituency that was already solidly supportive was not much less impressive than its 21.3 per cent swing in Mid-Staffs, where there were many more non-Labour voters to woo. Bootle could have been embarrassing; complacency could have dulled party workers' energy and kept Labour voters at home. There was indeed a low turnout of 50.2 per cent, but it seems there were at least as many abstentions from the other parties.

Labour won three-quarters of the votes on offer, with the Conservatives scraping only 9 per cent. Their only consolation will be that they narrowly saw off the Liberal Democrats, who should be disappointed not to have come second at a time when support for the Government is so low.

Yet on the same night as Labour won Bootle so resoundingly, BBC *Newsnight*'s poll of polls showed Labour's lead over the Tories falling by six points to 13 per cent. Should Labour be worried? Is the tide starting to turn?

When Labour peaked in March, its lead of around 23 per cent was a spring tide in nature as well as season. The combination of a sensational victory in Mid-Staffs and the announcement of the poll-tax rates sent Labour into orbit. Party leaders were, if anything, perturbed. They knew the lead was unsustainable and would have been happier with a 13 per cent lead that stuck than a 23 per cent gap that was bound to narrow.

Narrow it has, due partly to the gloss put on the Conservatives' relative success in London in the local elections. None the less, it is still a lead that should reassure Labour and worry the Tories.

In both 1980 and 1986, Labour led the Tories in the polls, yet the Conservatives came back to win the subsequent general elections. But in 1980, the tide turned back to the Tories by the end of the second year of the parliament. In 1986, Labour overtook the Tories later in the term, but only narrowly. This time, the lead is both substantial and late; no government has recovered after being so far behind at this stage in the term and won the subsequent election.

Lurking behind Labour's lead in the polls is a worrying picture for Tory party managers. According to MORI's latest poll, skilled manual workers (C2s in the jargon) have deserted the Tories even faster than the rest of the electorate. Now, 26 per cent would vote Conservative, compared with 60 per cent for Labour; at the 1987 election the equivalent figures were 40 and 36 per cent.

And regional breakdowns from *Gallup's survey of 9,000 voters* show that Labour has started to build up a lead over the Tories in areas where it came third in 1987: the South-east outside London, and the South-west. In both the East and West Midlands, where there are clusters of marginal seats, Labour is also ahead, and has put on between 12 and 13 points of support in a year.

Perceptions of the party have improved dramatically too. The main obstacle to voting Labour in the past 10 years has been a feeling that the party is both incompetent and divided. In November 1987, *Gallup asked how competent* Labour was to manage the country's affairs. Only 37 per cent thought it was very or fairly competent; 59 per cent that it was not very or not at all competent. By last month, those figures were reversed: 62 per cent thought Labour competent, and 35 per cent incompetent.

Questions about the parties' ability to handle the economy show a similar turnaround, with Labour now scoring higher than the Tories. The dull but reassuring nature of Labour's policy review is designed to consolidate these feelings — even down to the dowdy cover design, which looks like that of a Conservative manifesto of the 1950s.

On the question of party dividedness, Labour has consistently scored badly. For most of the past decade, between 70 and 80 per cent of those asked said they thought the party was divided. The Tories were predominantly seen as united. Now the tables have turned: in Gallup's April poll, 41 per cent thought Labour united, and 47 per cent divided, while only 23 per cent thought the Conservatives united, and 68 per cent divided. Yet the Conservatives have always prided themselves on their appearance of unity; arguments, if they took place, were held in private.

Things are unlikely to get much worse for the Tories, except that inflation may rise in the summer. Tension surrounding the poll tax will lessen. The Chancellor may be able to start lowering interest rates in the autumn, and that will knock a few points off the retail price index. If inflation falls and the trade deficit shrinks, economic optimism ought to rise again — and that is usually a leading indicator of increased support for the government.

But there is a long way to go. Among middle-class voters (ABC1s), MORI's latest survey finds that twice as many are pessimistic as are optimistic about the economy; and among working-class voters (C2DEs), five times as many are pessimistic as are optimistic. If Labour has an electoral mountain to climb, the Tories' path is just as steep.

Give us back our freedom to roam where we please

Marion Shoard calls for legislation — with safeguards for owners — that would open the countryside to all

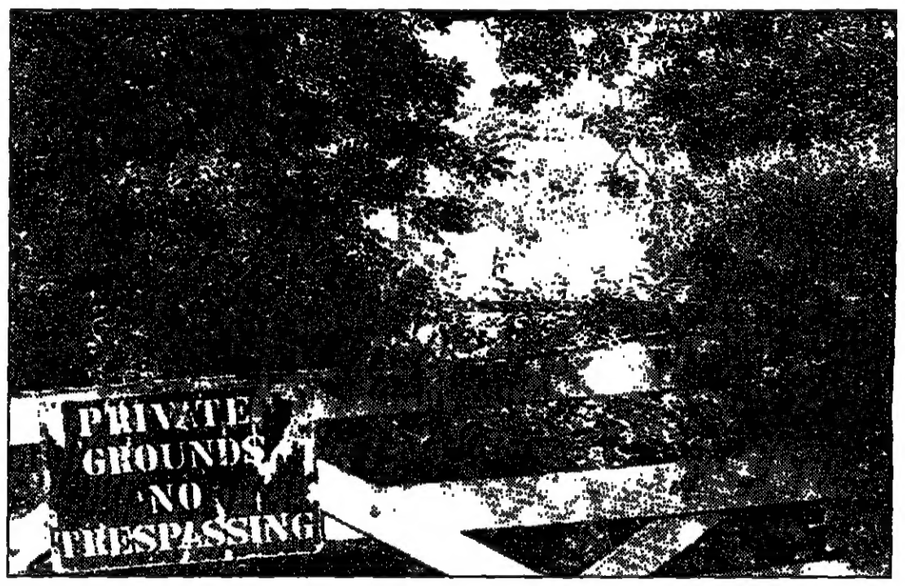
This bank holiday weekend, millions will contemplate a trip to the country. Visiting the countryside is our second favourite outdoor recreation — less popular than gardening but more popular than watching or taking part in organized sports. We are fortunate that Britain is blessed with a wealth of varied and attractive rural landscapes which few countries can match. But how much longer will we accept that most of it is out of bounds?

Each bank holiday weekend the crush gets worse at the local authority country parks, the National Trust beauty spots and the national park visitor centres around which so much of our rural recreation is concentrated. Our long-distance footpaths are worn away by the tramp of too many feet, and many rural venues to which people are forced to resort offer less in the way of peace and pastoral solace than Regent's Park. For many, the yearned-for trip to the country is becoming about as refreshing to body and soul as a trip on the Northern Line. It need not be so.

Beyond the reservations into which so many country-seekers are corralled lies a landscape big enough for all. Eighty per cent of the land surface of Britain is countryside, yet much of this vast area is shut off from the visitor by barbed wire fences, locked gates and notices threatening him with prosecution if he dares enter.

In most cases the threat of prosecution for trespass is of course hollow, but landowners are entitled to use force to exclude people from their holdings. Nobody wants a family outing spoilt by the prospect of an encounter with an angry gamekeeper, so we cram ever more tightly into those fragments of the countryside which appear to offer a welcome. Today, commercial attractions such as stately homes, zoo parks and show farms will be as crowded as ever, but how many will dare tread the inviting but forbidden expanse beyond the ha-ha and the signposted walkway?

Yet demands for a public right of access to the countryside appeared to have won the day more than half a century ago. The 1930s saw pitched battles between walkers and gamekeepers over access to the grouse moors, followed by protest rallies which attracted up to 10,000 people at a time. Against this background, the post-war government decided that men who had risked their lives for their country must not be barred from walking in it. A National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act designed to open the country to the people was passed in 1949. But now the countryside is less accessible than it was then.



Like much of Britain's finest countryside, Hampshire's Test Valley is largely out of bounds

Modern agriculture and forestry have eliminated much of the marginal land which used to provide opportunities for a casual stroll or picnic. Most of the public footpaths survive, but they avoid much of the best countryside and are often obstructed. In any case, they can provide only a right of passage through the landscape, not the opportunity to roam freely within it. The 1949 Act empowers local authorities to provide this opportunity by making access agreements and imposing access orders, yet these provisions have hardly been used, partly because rural councils are dominated by landowners.

In spite of the democratization of so much of the rest of Britain, landowners have managed to keep the countryside to themselves. They argue, as they did in the 1930s, that public access is incompatible with their businesses: in particular, they say that walkers would disturb game and vandalize property. Neither claim is as well-founded as it might appear.

The well-being of pheasants is often cited as the reason that walkers must be barred from our bluebell woods. Yet a survey by the British Field Sports Society showed that regular fox-hunting in pheasant woods actually improves shooting prospects by making birds more responsive to beating. Would ramblers really be more disruptive than the hunt in full cry? Owners such as the Woodland Trust who have deliberately introduced access to property they have acquired have found that vandalism falls, since the presence of responsible visitors deters the irresponsible more effectively than threatening notices.

In fact, the British landowner's insistence on excluding the rest of us from his property seems to have more to do with a very British passion for possession than with practical realities. He seems to feel there is no point in owning land if you cannot exclude others from it. It is an attitude we can afford to countenance in our back gardens; but does it make sense to allow a single landowner to apply the same attitude to tens of thousands of acres when others want to visit them?

Elsewhere in Europe, the British idea that an individual can own the environment as completely as he owns his 12-bore or his Range Rover is met with disbelief. Every West German has the right to walk wherever he wants in his country's forests, with additional rights of access which vary in different Länder. In Sweden, *Allemansrätten* gives every citizen the right to walk freely in the countryside. Fields, woods, lakesides and private roads and paths are open to all except where damage might result (for instance to crops) or privacy might be infringed (for instance around a house). Few problems appear to result from the exercise of such rights. There are few objections from landowners: they seem to accept that their own rights in their holdings ought not to preclude the harmless enjoyment of the countryside by their fellows.

It would be foolish to pretend that our own landowners would be quick to see things the same way. But the privilege of exclusion which they currently enjoy has come to represent a gross waste of one of our most valuable national assets — the land itself. The time has come to return our rural heritage to the people, by the provision of a general right of access to the countryside.

A new Act of Parliament could provide a right of access to every wood, park and roughland, lakeside and riverbank, moor and mountain, farm track and field edge, except where it could be demonstrated that this would be materially damaging. National security, the privacy of homesteads or the vulnerability of particular agricultural operations might all be considered reasons for exemption. Temporary exemption could be available for young plantations, on shooting days and during the breeding seasons of rare species. However, in other cases, unnecessary barriers to public access would be illegal.

Such a right to roam would not solve the problems of rural recreation overnight, but it might change our attitude to our countryside. Instead of it being someone else's private kingdom into which we venture at our peril, it would become the environment of us all, as it has not been since the Norman invaders stole the land from the people a thousand years ago. Who can tell what benefits the recovery of our homeland might bestow upon the national psyche? Certainly it ought to ensure more agreeable bank holidays for many of us.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Contemplating disappeerage

As they return to their ancestral seats for the short recess, one might expect Labour's hereditary peers to be a glum lot. After all, their party has just published a policy document which promises that they will be consigned to the constitutional scrapheap under a Labour government. *Looking to the Future* states unequivocally that "The anachronism of the House of Lords will be replaced by a second chamber". Despite that categoric commitment, which will form part of the party's manifesto at the next election, Labour peers have privately been told by Neil Kinnock that he has no intention of honouring the pledge — at least during the lifetime of a first Labour government.

Labour peers had threatened to rebel over earlier proposals for the future of the Upper House put forward by Roy Hattersley, and Kinnock went out of his way to soothe their fears recently at a packed private meeting. In a further sop to his hereditary peers, he has told them that nothing will be done before a Royal Commission has reported, and that could take several years. The Labour left will of course regard this as a betrayal of one of its most cherished commitments, but it goes a long way to explain the jolly expressions on the peers' faces. Even if Kinnock were to win two terms and could not resist pressure for change, the Labour peers believe any legislation would fall a long way short of the party's present commitment. At worst, they fear a one-clause Bill, which would leave existing peers unscathed and merely deprive their heirs of a vote in the Lords.

But does the delay not mean that Labour's manifesto is dishonest? Not at all, insists a senior Labour source in ermine. "The House of Lords has been around for about 800 years. A few more will not matter."

● *A central plank of Labour's new policy document is that the party is "forging a new partnership with industry". Why, then, is it selling the document to the man in the street for £2.50 and trying to charge corporate bodies a tenner?*

Master singers

The Society for the Prevention of Unnecessary Directors, the birth of which was reported here recently, now has a sister organization in the world of opera: "Chi Canta?", which seeks to restore the primacy of singers, musicians and conductors. Many opera directors, says founder Max Prola, a retired American clinical psychologist, "are fleas riding on the backs of giants. They are thrilled by the hostility of their reception when they take their bows. They are placing gimmicky conceptions above the composer's instructions." The name "Chi Canta?" (Italian for "who is singing?": Prola disapproves of translating opera into English) was chosen because "the appreciation of vocal beauty is the main reason for going to the opera".

About the new Glyndebourne season, Prola has mixed feelings. "I don't wish to see Sellars's silly *Zauberflote*. I shall attend the traditional production of *Falstaff* instead." Prola also singles out for particular criticism the English National Opera's recent series of Verdi productions, but David Pountney, ENO's director of productions, hits back strongly. "I am suspicious of anyone who can't think up a sensible English name for his organization. A monstrous, overpaid and largely inert singing star is just as likely to overbalance an opera as any of the wilder activities of the director. Luckily we don't employ these particular dinosaurs at ENO, so the problem does not arise."

Citizen non grata

Despite the worldwide success of Simon Schama's French Revolution blockbuster, crowned on Thursday night by his winning the £25,000 NCR non-fiction prize, one nation remains resistant to its intellectual power: France. The bestseller by the London-born Harvard professor of history has not proved at all popular across the Channel. *Citizens: A Chronicle of The French Revolution* has been translated into nine different languages, but French is not one of them, nor are there any plans for a French edition. Almost the only French acknowledgement of the book was a vicious piece in *Le Monde* last year, apparently based on gleanings from American interviews with the author. Schama says that he diplomatically stayed away from the bicentenary celebrations last July. "I felt I might be an English ghost at the feast, so I sneaked in later in the year."

Surprise in store

More trouble for the Fayeds. Although Harrods is putting a brave face on Paul Taylor's surprise resignation as deputy managing director — the parting is amicable, it insists — there is speculation among the 3,500 staff that he took exception to the bigger role in running the store given to Dodi Fayed, son of the House of Fraser chairman, Mohamed Fayed. Taylor's departure, after only two years in the post, is a blow to Harrods, and enormous inducements were offered in an attempt to persuade him to stay. Michael Cole, media director at the House of Fraser, says: "There has been no blood and gore", though he admits that he has heard the speculation. Dodi Fayed, already a director, is better known as a film-maker and has just returned from Toronto, where he has been working on a sequel to his *Murder by Illusion*. But if he ever makes a home movie, he could be guaranteed his biggest box-office success to date.

Cash the conqueror

Revenge was sweet this week for William Cash, still smarting over Edward Heath's refusal to appear with him recently on Channel 4's *The World This Week* to discuss Europe. Cash seized the chance to get his own back at an Oxford Union debate in which he roundly defeated the former prime minister. Heath, a former president of the Union, opposed the motion that the people of Europe have more to lose than to gain from political union, but Cash won the day by 247 votes to 194. "Perhaps that is why he did not want me on the same television programme," said Cash.

● *Members of* The Times *all-conquering football team who have been walking around the office all week singing "We're on our way to Wembley" have been disappointed. The team was due to meet the* Daily Mirror *tomorrow in the final of the Fleet Street Cup, but the pitch has taken such a pounding lately that the stadium authorities called it off. The game will now be played at Fulham's Craven Cottage ground. May the best team win — and if we don't, it will be the fault of the sub-standard pitch.*

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REPAIRING LEASE

The surveyor's report on man's tenancy of the planet is in, as the Prime Minister put it yesterday, and reveals "that the repair work needs to start without delay". She accompanied her endorsement of the findings by the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change with a call for a "giant international effort" to limit emissions of the gases which trap the sun's heat within the atmosphere.

"You cannot divide the atmosphere into segments", the Prime Minister said, and the temptation for any government to pass the buck to "the rest of the world" must in this case be a strong one. Yet nothing promotes international cooperation like setting a good example, and the panel's report will put the Government under pressure to improve its proposed target for holding British emissions of carbon dioxide to the present, 1990, level within 15 years.

Scientists insist that immediate cuts, worldwide, of more than 60 per cent in the output of long-lived gases — CO_2, nitrous oxide and chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) — will be needed even to stabilize their existing atmospheric concentration. If existing and emerging technologies were applied worldwide, the rate of global warming could be reduced by around two-thirds, but the implications for the way we live would be more radical than any government is yet prepared to contemplate.

Britain's declared position means increased concentrations of CO_2 for another generation. If Mrs Thatcher really accepts the existing scientific evidence, should she not bring her policy into line? Otherwise Britain is poorly placed to persuade poorer governments of what, in their case, are certain to be much heavier sacrifices.

Targets, however, tend to be given too much emphasis in global diplomacy. There is no greater irony in the modern world than that, just as planning is dropping out of fashion among nation states, a consensus is fast emerging on the need for some such *dirigisme* on a global basis. For targetry it might therefore be better to substitute relentless pressure on all fronts, with all the support that free market incentives can give, including taxes, debt adjustment and aid. Developing countries must see it as their obligation to join in what will be an enormously costly exercise in planetary management, with the biggest costs born by the developed nations. Incentives, and penalties, must be added to exhortation. Chinese, Indians and Africans are not going to forgo electric lights, refrigerators, air conditioners and cars just because they are urged to do so by countries which already have them and have, so far, contributed most to the greenhouse effect.

Mr David Trippier's announcement earlier this month that Britain plans to increase resources for tropical forestry by £100 million over three years hardly looks as generous as the Prime Minister suggested yesterday. There is a strong case for a concerted Western strategy of debt reduction tied to commitments, properly monitored, to switch from logging to harvesting the forests' renewable resources.

Estimates of population growth have recently been raised, and the Prime Minister was right to say that combating the greenhouse effect will be a Quixotic enterprise if the population doubles by the middle of next century. More of Britain's aid budget ought then to be allocated to family planning, since the latest data also confirms that most women would have fewer children if contraceptives were easily (which means locally) available.

With the exception of some applications in micro-electronics, alternatives to CFCs have been developed or are in sight. These technologies must be made available to developing countries, still responsible for only a quarter of CFC emissions, *before* such mainstays of modern life as refrigerators begin to be mass-produced there. Vacuum panels can replace CFCs as insulators; ammonia, once the standard coolant, may come into its own again.

Next month, Britain is host to the London Ozone Conference. An initiative on technology-sharing would be worth all the targets in the world — and might also make it possible to agree on them. Manufacturers have been ahead of governments in phasing out CFCs. They now need to invest globally in alternatives.

IN PLACE OF STRIKES

Whatever happens at the next election, the reform of British industrial relations accomplished by the Conservative Government will remain one of its abiding monuments. That much is clear from the Labour policy statement published on Thursday. Past reckless promises to sweep the whole package aside and to reinstate general trades union immunity at law have been quietly forgotten. The Labour leaders have told the unions that the party would be unelectable if it did not promise to retain most of the Conservative laws. Labour now believes in "a framework for industrial law" which would not have looked out of place in the 1979 Conservative manifesto.

The Conservatives had been hoping that this area would offer one of its most advantageous battlefields in the next campaign, and they must be disappointed that Labour has covered its flank so carefully. Last week, the employment secretary, Mr Michael Howard, tried to hole Labour's new policy below the water line with scathing questions expecting the answer No, including: "Would strike ballots still have the backing of the law?"; "Would it stay unlawful to stage a strike to force an employer to accept a closed shop?" He must now drop at least half his questions because the answers are not the ones he hoped for.

Laws designed to govern the conduct of industrial disputes are more than usually inclined to unpredictable consequences. There is still scope, therefore, for a probing cross-examination of Labour's stated intentions. This applies even in the most notable philosophical shift, from replacing collective rights with individual ones as dominant in industrial relations. So strongly does this militate against Labour's traditional support for the union-as-bully that the public must be blinking at the radicalism of the change.

But Labour remains vulnerable on "sympathetic" or secondary action. Under present legislation a union can be sued and injuncted if it tries to induce industrial action against an employer who is not in primary dispute with his employees, in order to increase pressure on another employer who is. Labour's understandable desire is to prevent a management dividing itself into separate legal entities in order to turn primary action into secondary action. This is a rare occurrence, owing more to legal ingenuity than to the intentions of Parliament. But the policy needs to be more clear if this is not to be seen as merely a Trojan Horse for the return of secondary picketing and the secondary strike as a routine weapon in the armoury of industrial dispute.

Those called on to take secondary action will have the right to ballot first. They may be peacefully picketed, in limited numbers, to persuade them how to vote. But how will Labour ensure that the picketing is limited to that intention, and how will it outlaw the traditional picket's approach — "we are asking you not to cross our picket line" — which is sometimes abbreviated to the intimidatory cry of "scab!"? Labour says that the circumstances in which secondary action will be lawful should be carefully defined, limited to cases of a "direct" link of interest between the primary and secondary employers and employees so that, in common sense, they are all part of the same dispute. What exactly does "direct" mean? On this could turn a whole new war.

Labour's review gives examples of the circumstances in which secondary action would be permitted, which would include the instance where the secondary employer is a customer or supplier of the first. But such a secondary employer has no dispute with his work force, and no way of influencing the primary employer except by breaking the commercial contract between them. So what looks at first like a minor concession to the trades union movement could in practice be a major and unjust one. Labour will not restore confidence that it can be trusted with industrial relations while such doubts remain. The secondary strike was the curse on Britain's industrial landscape. Mr Blair should screw down the lid on it tighter still and tighter.

VIRGIN PLAYWRIGHT?

Queen Elizabeth, if legend speaks true, said to Shakespeare after a performance of *Henry IV*, "You must write a play with Sir John in love". (The result was *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, not one of his best.)

What is less well known, indeed until recently hardly suspected, is that as she said it she winked. Moreover, according to those responsible for a remarkable discovery in America, not only must she have winked, but she would likely have burst into unseemly guffaws as well. For the discovery is that the author of the plays and poems was not Shakespeare, nor another man of the same name, nor Bacon, nor Marlowe, nor the Earl of Oxford, nor even Dr Rowse, but Gloriana herself, Queen Elizabeth the First.

For every great advance in civilization there will be scoffers, and this startling upset is unlikely to prove an exception. Some will jeer, saying that there is no evidence that the Queen wrote anything of any significance. To these the reply is that if, for her own reasons, she wanted to conceal her authorship, she would obviously have taken care to give no hint of her remarkable talent.

Others will draw attention to the fact that she died 13 years before Shakespeare did, and some of his most powerful plays were written in the last decade of his life. There is even less substance in that cavil; obviously, she left the remainder of her *oeuvre* to a trustworthy agent, charged with publishing it posthumously, in the manner of Mr Buddy Holly. Yet others would insist that she simply did not have time to write so huge a corpus of masterpieces, what with running the country, worrying about Mary Queen of Scots and fending off Philip of Spain. Obviously, she started early.

Still others, somewhat less recklessly, will demand evidence. It is at hand. Two Californian professors, Ward Elliott and Robert Valenza, have spent three years feeding a hungry computer the entire works of Shakespeare, together with every word written by all the contenders for the usurper's crown. The nature of the tests and the technology which brought the news to light are far too complex for publication here; it is enough to say that the computer munched, perhaps even burped, and out came the answer. The Virgin Queen was "Shakespeare", and the laurel must be snatched from his brow, to adorn hers for ever more.

We should have guessed. She left enough clues. Look at the women — Rosalind, Portia, Imogen, Viola — forever dressing in men's clothes. Look at Lady Macbeth: "Infirm of purpose, give *me* the daggers!" Look at *Henry VIII*: "I would not be a queen for all the world". (Of course not: why bother to go about doing nothing but reign all day, when she could write like that?) What about *Measure for Measure*: "O, death's a great disguiser", a clear hint that there would be sensations to come when she had gone. Or *Much Ado*: ". . . as for your writing and reading, let that appear when there is no need of such vanity" — another clue to the revelations to come after her death.

But the two profs have already settled the matter. All we have to do now is adjust to the new dispensation; the corks will be popping in the offices of Virago. Not for nothing was Good Queen Bess also the Dark Lady.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forces' strengths in changing world

From Mr Michael Chichester

Sir, The news (report, May 21) that the Defence Ministry is studying changes in the shape and size of our armed forces is hardly surprising, given the tempo of this summer's programme of conferences and summits due to discuss disarmament, the reform of Nato, and the security status of a united Germany. But the seemingly haphazard manner in which this study is being undertaken gives cause for alarm. Much more is at stake than the outcome of yet another bitter and time-consuming struggle between the ministry and the Treasury over what weapon programmes should be delayed or abandoned and how many units should be disbanded.

The national interest now demands the most painstaking, far-sighted, and wide-ranging assessment of the future threats to our national security and to our overseas interests and of the most cost-effective means of dealing with these threats over the whole spectrum, from low-level anti-terrorist operations to all-out war. Our future defence capability should also include the means of providing an appropriate contribution to any collective organisation for the defence of Western Europe which emerges from the reform of Nato.

In the debate on national security the examination of costs should follow and not precede the assessment of threats and required capabilities. The Treasury must not become the sole arbiter of national security needs.

Of course, the armed forces will become smaller, especially the Army, but we should ponder carefully the social, economic, and employment consequences of reducing armed forces manpower to levels not contemplated since the Second World War. In our crime-ridden and increasingly violent society the most necessary peace dividend will be the voluntary transfer of as many trained and disciplined men as possible from the armed forces to the forces of law and order, especially the police and the prison service, where their experience and powers of leadership are clearly needed.

Reports of ministers wildly plucking, as it were from a hat, possible lower totals of frigates or of infantry battalions without any accompanying strategic scenario reveal an irresponsible approach to a great national problem, an approach which can only deepen the already considerable worries of servicemen over their future and hasten the rate of premature retirement.

For over a decade the armed forces have served the Prime Minister well in her valiant efforts to maintain Britain's strategic influence on the global stage. In the coming disarmament negotiations ministers should have one overriding objective, to ensure that our forces, arguably the most efficient and the best trained in the Western Alliance and a priceless national asset to boot, are rewarded with a role in the provision of national and allied security which is worthy of their great traditions and capabilities as well as being within the nation's economic strength to sustain.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHICHESTER,
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Burford, Oxfordshire.
May 23.

From Major-General J. M. Strawson

Sir, You report (May 21) a proposal by Mr Alan Clark, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, for "radical" cuts in the armed forces. His ideas are reported to include reducing frigates from 48 to 32 and infantry battalions from 55 to 32. These are not radical changes. They simply reduce the present structure. Nor are they sensible, as Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, wants. The way to reduce both radically and sensibly is to *de-specialize*.

For the Army what must *not* be done is simply to shrink the present structure. This would make each part of it less cost-effective. It is the structure itself which must change. What should be done is to de-specialize the Army, to give back to regiments and corps duties they used to perform for themselves, such as cooking, repair, accounting, and so do away with some specialist corps with their costly staffs and overheads. Examples might be:

1. Redistribute REME's duties between the Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals, RCT (Royal Corps of Transport) and RAOC.
2. Combine the Royal Armoured Corps and the Army Air Corps, whose roles — reconnaissance and attack — are similar.
3. Do away with the Catering Corps and Education Corps, and give their jobs to regimental officers and men.
4. Special schools would, of course, still be needed for training.

Such savings would allow more infantry battalions to be kept. Mr Clark also wants to expand the Parachute Regiment and the Royal Marines — both superlative corps; yet this would be to do the very thing to be deprecated — add to the specialists. All our infantry can, with proper training, do almost anything, as our history has shown. They personify the light, flexible forces which everyone seems to agree are now wanted.

If we are to have fewer soldiers, they must all be more versatile. There is plenty of time to make them so. We must be in a position where, with the indispensable help of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, we can say, as Arnold White said a hundred years ago: "The British Army, though small, can do anything and go anywhere".

Yours,
JOHN STRAWSON,
The Old Rectory,
Boyton,
Warminster, Wiltshire.
May 21.

Easing pressure on crowded planet

From the Chairman of Population Concern

Sir, Eric Jeffs (May 22) mentions the likely effect of additional human numbers on greenhouse gases. It has been estimated that the present human population of the world contributes, just from respiration, carbon dioxide equal to 10 per cent of that produced by fossil fuel burning. The estimated 1.4 billion cattle, however, probably contribute another 17 per cent. Both humans and cattle also contribute a sizeable proportion of methane emissions.

As the human population grows from its present figure of about 5.3 billion towards 10 billion or even 14 billion, the number of cattle is bound to go up as well (although not necessarily pro rata) adding considerably to greenhouse gases. If you then add increased economic activity in the Third World, it is obvious that the greenhouse effect is not just a problem caused by the industrial world, although we bear a major part of the responsibility.

Solutions will demand a global consensus, but the developed world is going to have to meet much of the cost. We can start by following Sir Charles Morrison's suggestion (May 22) of doubling the amount of overseas aid that goes towards family planning. This is one of the most cost-effective measures that could be taken to combat environmental degradation in general and the greenhouse effect in particular.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA BROWN, Chairman,
Population Concern,
231 Tottenham Court Road, W1.
May 23.

From Mr Robert Whelan

Sir, Eric Jeffs appears to view babies principally as producers of noxious gases, both carbon dioxide and methane. However, his apparent willingness to blame environmental problems like the greenhouse effect on women who have too many of these gaseous babies is wide of the mark.

Environmental purity is a commodity which we can have if we are willing to pay for it. A good environment is the product of a freely functioning political system coupled with a prosperous economy. It is not the result of birth-control programmes.

The environmental degradation of Eastern Europe demonstrates this. In spite of state-funded birth control and the widespread use of abortion as a means of retro-active contraception, communism has given us what are probably the world's most polluted environments in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Yours sincerely,
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Committee on Population and the Economy,
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Surrey.
May 22.

From Ms Pauline M. Connor

Sir, The aim of decreasing global carbon dioxide emission is a novel approach to Malthusian economics, but is as equally credible as Sir Charles Morrison's assertion that "family planning" self-evidently improves "the daily life of women."

In the name of combating "people pollution" women in China are compelled to have abortions. Damage is done worldwide to women's health and future fertility by the relentless pursuit of population control.

The world is not endangered by poor women or their children but by the wealth of rich nations. It is via the redistribution of this wealth, not suppressing the fertility of the poor, that the problems of international injustice and poverty will be resolved.

Yours faithfully,
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May 22.

A tax on energy

From the Chairman of the Institute for Social Inventions

Sir, Your Environment Correspondent reports (May 24) that tax increases on energy will be needed to meet the UK's new policy on CO_2 emissions, and that "presenting that fact to the public will test the Tories' skills before an election". One way might be to replace the poll tax with a tax on "secondary energies", such as electricity, fuel oil, gas, petrol, diesel and coal.

Professor Malcolm Slesser, of the Centre for Human Ecology at Edinburgh University, has produced examples of what the effect of such a tax would have been on Edinburgh in 1989 — for instance, one adult in a flat with no car would have paid £270, as opposed to a poll tax of £392; five council-house adults with no car would have paid £907 (poll tax £1,960); whereas a couple with two teenagers over 18 and with two cars, living in a high-quality house, would have paid £1,665 (poll tax £1,568). In other words, more active people, those with bigger houses, and those who drive a great deal, pay more.

Other advantages of the proposed tax are that it would do away with business rates; net an income from tourists; it would be far cheaper to collect than the poll tax or the rates; it cannot readily be evaded and so captures the black economy; it requires no "big brother" to register us; it promotes public transport; and above all, it encourages energy conservation.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS ALBERY,
Chairman,
The Institute for Social Inventions,
24 Abercorn Place, NW8.
May 24.

Drug-treatment fear

From Dr A. Johns and Professor A. H. Ghodse

Sir, The Government is pressing ahead with health service reforms which are, in our view, likely to fragment and diminish services for drug-users in this country. Appropriate prescribing is one of the mainstays of treatment. If there is to be some element of competition, or an internal market between various drug services, this may lead to competitive prescribing rather than a high-quality service.

A further difficulty arises from the nature of the client group. Drug-users are often itinerant or homeless. Many do not have a general practitioner. A system of funding which depends on remuneration following the patient is likely to lead to the depletion of drug-unit resources.

This is likely to occur at a time when the needs of drug-users have never been greater. The threat of HIV makes it all the more imperative to draw them into treatment.

Over recent years the Government has been helpful in its provision of funds for drug-misuse services and for the prevention of HIV infection. Much of this good work will be undone if the White Paper proposals go ahead in their present form.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW JOHNS (Chairman, Doctors Responsible for London Drug Units),
HAMID GHODSE (Honorary Secretary),
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Tooting, SW17.
May 17.

Kegworth air crash

From Mr P. J. Dawson

Sir, It has been said at the inquest into the M1 air crash (report, May 23) that the new style and relative position of the engine instruments on the Boeing 737-400 may have contributed to the accident.

Any sailor would agree that to colour the instrument LED (light-emiting diode) displays red and green respectively would instantly distinguish port from starboard.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. DAWSON,
103 Hereford Road, W2.
May 23.

Keeping works of art

From Mr John Clemo

Sir, Is it really a good idea for our galleries to flog off their Gainsboroughs in quest of a "balanced" collection (*vide* your leader of May 17)? And why Gainsborough? No English artist has done more to bolster transatlantic art collections, and, Americans not being fools, the migrated paintings include many of the best works.

This would matter less if reproductions of the exported paintings were common currency over here; unfortunately our art publishers prefer to concentrate on *soi-disant* luminaries like Hockney and Gilbert and George.

Gainsborough, a great artist, is worth more respect in his own country. Your leader perpetuates a strange prejudice.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CLEMO,
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Dolphin Square, SW1.
May 17.

From Mr David T-D. Clarke

Sir, The museums and art galleries of Britain have developed primarily as the result of benefactions from individuals ranging from wealthy collectors to local citizens; purchases have, till recently, been proportionately few. All, however, have had the same intention, that the objects or works of art should be preserved and made available for the public benefit.

On whose decision would disposals depend? There have been some unpleasant instances of individual aggrandisement from across the Atlantic. Worse, as the ultimate responsibility for museums is moving (as your writers have — wrongly, I believe — recommended) from curatorial staff to "managers", and, in the provinces to officers whose jobs depend on tourist promotion, the temptation to dispose of objects in order to further some cherished gimmick will certainly prove irresistible.

Our museums collections are a sacred trust, for the towns in which they are, for the nation, and for our visitors. While, in limited instances, some re-location to other museums may be appropriate, we ignore the underlying principle at our peril.

Yours faithfully,
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Colchester, Essex.
May 17.

Saving marriages

From Mr John Doylend

Sir, David Green (Legal Brief, May 15) addresses the many problems associated with divorce, especially those concerning the welfare of the children, but he fails to mention the most cost-effective and successful remedy currently available.

Conciliation services offer separating parents the chance to meet together and discuss their children's future with a very good prospect of successfully reaching an agreement, thereby saving a lot of heartache and a good deal of money.

I believe that more conciliation should be tried before a court welfare officer is asked to help the court decide the very difficult issues relating to the future of the children. Solutions to such disputes which are reached through a conciliated agreement are much more likely to stand the test of experience than orders imposed by a court on one or more dissatisfied parents.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DOYLEND,
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Bungay,
Suffolk.
May 18.

Charity law

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, You report (May 21) that the Home Secretary is expected to press for early legislation "to give the Charity Commission stronger powers to deal with fraud and mismanagement".

Since it was published in July, 1987, we have argued, in common with the rest of the charitable world, that the investigative role of the commission would be greatly enhanced by the implementation of the main recommendations of the Woodfield report.

Good housekeeping and trust have kept the cases of fraud and mismanagement to a minimum, but charities need to be protected from the tiny minority of unscrupulous operators. That requires giving the commission the practical powers it needs to enforce the law.

The Home Secretary deserves the support of all charities.

Yours sincerely,
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26 Bedford Square, WC1.
May 23.

MPs and directorships

From Mr J. Barry Keenan

Sir, Richard Ford's article (May 16) relating to former ministers' City directorships highlights an unfortunate practice.

The matter is not confined to former ministers but extends also to many MPs. I believe the practice should stop and would suggest that a system similar to that used in the USA be adopted.

Following resolutions resulting from the Obey Commission Report in 1977 senators and congressmen must limit their outside earnings to 15 per cent of their salary. This rule has two benefits — more attention to official duties and less conflict of interest.

Also full particulars of income and gifts over $100 must be put into annual written declarations that are available for public inspection and publication.

MPs rightly have a position of honour in our communities and they should have rules which openly uphold their duty to provide full time attention to their parliamentary duties and freedoms from external financial pressures.

Yours faithfully,
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Lancashire.
May 17.

Frumpy frocks

From Mr G. S. Trenear-Harvey

Sir, Glyndebourne is only in its first week but even so I detect an unfortunate drop in standards. Of the womanfolk's style of dress, that is.

Last evening, while attending *Die Zauberflöte*, one saw far too many short, frumpy frocks being worn instead of the more attractive and more appropriate evening gowns.

While a couple of lounge suits let the side down, the men were invariably properly attired in dinner suits.

Surely our women can do better

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
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May 24.

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COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Calke Abbey in Derbyshire. Her Majesty honoured the Director-General of the National Trust (Mr Angus Stirling) with her presence at luncheon.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliatt were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 25: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Music in Country Churches, attended a concert at St Mary's Church, Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

Commander Alistair Watson RN was in attendance.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

Rear Admiral J J R Tod to be Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Policy and Nuclear), in succession to Air Vice Marshal J P Willis, from December 1990.

Captain D K Bawtree to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Flag Officer Portsmouth, Naval Base Commander Portsmouth, and Head of Establishment of the Fleet Maintenance and Repair Orgnaisation, in succession to Rear Admiral J J R Tod from September 1990.

COMMODORE: C J S Craig – Staff of FONA 28.9.90.

CAPTAIN: J P Cardale – BDLS India 25.5.90; C M C Crawford – DA Tokyo 16.6.90.

COMMANDER: A B P Armstrong – NA Peking 10.8.90; C A Burnacle – Coventry 16.7.90; C R Beagley – MOD London 7.9.90; D C I Grimsdale – MOD London 5.10.90; D L Howells – MOD Bath 13.7.90; M P N Sessions – Coventry 16.7.90.

Retirement

CAPTAIN: J W G Beech – 26.6.90.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: R J Carmichael – 15.6.90.

COMMANDER: F J C Bradshaw – 30.6.90; A N Troop – 16.6.90.

The Army

BRIGADIER: C J D Bullock – To HQ Bde of Gurkhas 14.5.90

COLONEL: G B Bateman – To MOD 14.5.90; E J MacDonald – DACC 14.5.90.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: J N Barclay ALC – To MOD 14.5.90; P Gosling RCT – To MAS 18.5.90; J Johnston RAPC – To be Comd Fin HQ E Dist 14.5.90; T J Wilton RA – To be CO 103 AD Regt 14.5.90; R J S Bullock-Webster IG – To MOD 14.5.90; K M Cook RRF – To DQA 14.5.90.

Retirement

BRIGADIER: A J Paviour late RAOC 21.5.90.

Foundation for Science and Technology:

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran to be president; Dr Richard J. Haas and Dr Anthony Kenny to be vice-presidents; Lord Butterworth to be chairman of the council. Other new members of the council: Professor Howard Newby; Dr R.P. Clark; Dr N.E. Cross; Dr D.K. Jones; and Dr David Leakey. Mr David Andrews to be honorary treasurer.

Birthdays

TODAY: Miss Zola Budd, athlete, 24; Sir Matt Busby, president, Manchester United Football Club, 81; Miss Elizabeth Clarke, former headmistress, Benenden School, 75; Mr Peter Cushing, actor, 77; Mr Roy Dotrice, actor, 65; Lord Gridley, 84; Sir Kenneth Jones, former High Court judge, 69; Sir Patrick Kingsley, former Keeper of the Records, Duchy of Cornwall, 82; Miss Peggy Lee, singer, 70; Mr Alec McCowen, actor, 65; Mr Robert Morley, actor-dramatist, 82; Mr Stan Mortensen, footballer, 69; Sir Charles O'Halloran, former chairman, Irvine Development Corporation, 66; Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman, Heron International, 51; Mr Colin Sampson, HM Inspector of Constabulary, 61; Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, diplomat, 81; Lord Stevens of Ludgate, 54; Wing Commander Sir Kenneth Stoddart, former Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, 76; Mr Glen Turner, cricketer, 43; Sir Frederick White, former chairman, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, 85.

TOMORROW: Dr Eric Anderson, headmaster, Eton College, 54; the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, 60; Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, 54; Mr Jeffrey Bernard, writer, 58; Miss Cilla Black, singer and broadcaster, 47; Mr Andrew Boyle, author, 71; Brigadier Sir Edward Caffyn, 86; Earl Cairns, 51; Mr Pat Cash, tennis player, 25; General Sir John Chapple, 59; Mr John Conteh, boxer, 39; Colonel Sir William Crawshay, 70; Lord Erroll of Hale, 76; Lady Freyberg, 67; Mr Duncan Goodhew, swimmer, 33; Sir Derek Greenaway, life president, Daniel Greenaway and Sons, 80; Mr Norman Griggs, a vice-president, Building Societies Association, 74; Miss Elizabeth Harwood, opera singer, 52; Mr Richard Holme (life peer), former president, Liberal Party, 54; Dr Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State, 67; Mr Christopher Lee, actor, 68; the Duke of Leinster, 76; Sir John Moberly, diplomat, 65; Mr Vincent Price, actor, 79; Miss Florence Sharples, executive director, YWCA, 59; Sir Robert Shone, former director-general, NEDC, 84; Mr Sam Snead, golfer, 78; Sir Ross Stainton, former chairman, BOAC, 76; the Right Rev Mervyn Stockwood, former Bishop of Southwark, 77; Mr M.G.T. Webster, former chairman, DRG, 70.

Tomorrow's services

Sunday after Ascension Day

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa super Bel Amfitrit' Altera (Lassus), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev P G C Brett; 3.15 E, Responses (Smith & Stone), Walmisley in D minor, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev J H R de Sausmarez.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, Psallite Domino (Byrd), Canon J Toy; 11.30 M, Collegium Regale (Howells), Responses (Tomkins); 4 E, Gloucester Service (Howells), God is gone up with a triumphant shout (Finzi), Mr C Chapman.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Responses (Byrd); 10.30 M, Britten in E flat, Te Deum (Leighton), Rev C Hill; 11.30 HC, Mass in E minor (Bruckner), Above all praise and all majesty (Mendelssohn); 3.15 E, Walmisley in B flat, Viri Galilei (Gowers), Rev C Mann.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Leighton), Short Service (Byrd), Ascendit Deus (Philips), Canon C Semper; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Caelos ascendit hodie (Stanford), Rev P Ferguson; 3 E, Collegium Magdalenae (Leighton), God is gone up (Finzi), Rev R F Allison; 5.45 Choir Recital; 6.30 ES, Sister H Markey.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Darke in F, Lift up your heads (Mathias), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Rev N Smith; 3 E, Sumsion in G, God is gone up (Finzi), The Provost.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30 SM, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), Viri Galilei (Palestrina), O sacrum convivium (Byrd), Les deux murailles d'eau (Messiaen), 12, 5.30, 7 SM; 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Bevan), O salutaris hostia (Rossini), La Presence multipliee (Messiaen).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn).

CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Greek Orthodox, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Russian Orthodox, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Serbian Orthodox, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Ascendit Deus (Philips), Rev G D Watkins.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Vaughan Williams), Praise our God who reigns in heaven (Bach), Rev P Galloway; 12.30 HC.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O God the King of glory (Purcell), God is gone up (Finzi), The Coldstream Guards, Rev C R W Gilbert; 12 HC.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, O God the King of Glory (Gibbons), The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 HC, Stanford in C, Coelos ascendit hodie (Stanford), God is gone up (Finzi), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 MP (432 Sqn. Dedication of Plaque), O God when thou appearest (Mozart), National Anthem, O Canada, Lord Guard and Guide, Rev H Schmuck.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Stanford in B flat, O clap your hands (Gibbons), The Chaplain; 3.30 E, Lift up your heads (Mathias), Dyson in D, Coelos ascendit hodie (Stanford).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev R Dixon.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Ascendit ad Patrem (Palestrina), God is gone up (Finzi), Rev P McGreary; 6 E & B, In the Dorian Mode (Arnold), O clap your hands (Gibbons), The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev R Bewes; 6.30 Guest Service, Rev R Bewes.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Rev J H L Cross; 6 E, Mr D N Royce.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev D Watson.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), Ascendit Deus (Philips), Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11 HC, Rev N P G Gumbel; 6.30 ES Rev J A K Millar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Rev L E M Claxton.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Jugendmesse (Haydn), Preb J Gaskell; 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Stanford in C, Jackson in G, Ascendens Christus in altum (Victoria), Canon J Oates; 6.30 E, Responses (Rose), Harwood in A flat, O clap your hands (Gibbons), O clap your hands (Vaughan Williams), Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, O worship the Lord (Travers), Fr Bill.

ST GABRIEL'S, Walm Lane, NW2: 11 Communion, Divine Compassion (Stainer), Choral in A minor (Franck).

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch, Fr M Day; 6.30 EP.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Watson in G, Ascendit Deus (Philips), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev G C Taylor; 6.30 EP, Rev P J Galloway.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 Family Service, Rev P Watson; 6.30 HC, Rev G Williams.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Monteverdi), O Rex Gloriae (Marenzio), The Vicar; 6 E, Purcell in F minor, Ascendit Deus (Philips), The Vicar

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Sunday School, Rev R Callaghan; 6.30 Evening Worship, Rev R Callaghan.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 LM; 11 SM, Fr G Bright; 6 May Devotion & B.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassall Rd, SW9: 8 LM; 10 HM, Kleine Orgel Messe (Haydn); 4 E & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Ascendit Deus (Philips), The Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Vaughan Williams in G, O Taste and See (Vaughan Williams), Rev D Watson; 6.30 E, Viva Galilei (Byrd), M Fuller.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa a 4 (Monteverdi), O Rex Gloriae (Marenzio), Rev Dr R W Golledge.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M, Exaudi Domine, Responses (Rose), Sumsion in G, Non vos relinquam (Byrd), The Rector.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, When Jesus Christ was yet a child (Tschaikowsky), Alleluia ascendit Deus (Byrd), Rev J Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors Service, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Dr J Bennett; 5 E, Preces & Responses (Smith of Durham), Second Service (Gibbons), Almighty & Everlasting God (Gibbons); 6.30 EP, Rev M Henwood.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 M, Rev A Boddy; 6.30 E, Rev A Boddy.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 HM; 11 HM, Viri Galilei (Byrd), Lead me Lord (Wesley), Dr B Horne; 6.15 E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Choralis (Liszt), Ascendit Deus (Philips), Rev I Brown; 6.30 E, Dr T Martin.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND, (WRNS Church), Strand, WC2: 11 Communion, Rev E Thompson.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8 HC; 10 S Euch, Mass (Shaw), Sr J Francis; 6.30 LM.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 HC, Rev D C L Prior; 7 ES & HC, Rev D C L Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 M & HC, Psallite Domino (Byrd), Canterbury Responses (How), Dyson in D, God is gone up (Finzi).

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Morning Service, Rev N K Lee.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Communion Service in B flat (Stanford), God is gone up (Varcoe), Blessing and glory and wisdom (Boyce), Rev C Courtauld.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Responses (Smith), Purcell in D, God is gone up (Finzi), Rev T Gilum; 6.30 E, Mr M Coates.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Ascendens Christus (Victoria), Ascendens Christus in altum (Victoria), He that descended (Amner), Alleluya ascendit (Byrd), Fr J Towers; 6 E & B, Fr C Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, The Rector.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa in simplicitate (Langlais), Cibavit eos (Langlais); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev J G Dowswell.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Ascendit Deus (Philips), Psallite Domino (Byrd).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Jochum), O Rex gloriae (Marenzio), Ave verum corpus (Mozart).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Ascendens Christus (Victoria), Ascendit Deus (Philips); 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Psallite Domino (Byrd).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Mass in D (Kitson), Ascendit Deus (Philips).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Mass, Missa L'Hora Passa (Viadana), Ascendit Deus (Turner), Viri Galilei (Couillart), 12.15, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Missa Jam Christus astra ascenderat (Palestrina).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 Mr Iain Muir; 6.30 Mr Alan MacDonald.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Mrs A Bird; 6 Mr P Mansbridge.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar; 6.30 Rev L Griffiths.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 Dr B Chant; 11 Rev W Lewis; 2.30 Rev Dr W Atkinson; 6.30 Dr P Kaufman.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Mr A Newell.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St, W1: 11, 6.30; 3 Musical Programme, Major & Mrs C Hunt.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev R T Englund; 7 Choral V, Jubilate Deo for four part choir (Mendelssohn), Prelude in C (Bach), Rev S Lo.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 Morning Service, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

OBITUARIES

LT-GEN SIR REGINALD DENNING

Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning, KCVO, KBE, CB, who died aged 95 on May 23, was Principal Administrative Officer to the Supreme Commander, South East Asia Command, during the Second World War, and, in retirement, Chairman of SSAFA for 21 years. He was born on June 12, 1894.

REGINALD Francis Stewart Denning was the second of the five sons of Charles Denning, a draper in the small Hampshire town of Whitchurch. Although christened Reginald, he was always known in the Army as "Jack" after his elder brother, who was killed on the Somme in 1916. They were both educated at a small private school in Whitchurch, and were apprenticed to the drapery trade. Their younger brother, Tom, became Lord Denning, the Master of the Rolls, who has told the story of this remarkable family in his book *The Family Story*.

Reg started his military career as a volunteer in the ranks of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, with whom he fought in the desperate early battles of the Ypres salient. He was commissioned into the Bedfordshire Regiment in late 1915, and survived the holocaust of the first day of the Somme with the 6th Battalion, but was severely wounded and given up for dead in the July 15 attack on Pozières.

Jack, as he was now called, recovered, and after the war was given a regular commission in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He entered the Staff College, Camberley, in 1929. During the first half of the Second World War he consolidated his reputation as an administrative officer in increasingly important staff appointments in Home Forces, until he was picked by Mountbatten to go out to South East Asia with him as his Principal Administrative Officer.

There he was faced with the gargantuan task of directing and coordinating the logistics of the three British Services and those of their Allies in the final re-conquest of Burma, and in the re-occupation of the British, French and Dutch Far Eastern Empires. He stood with Mountbatten as the Japanese generals surrendered their swords in Singapore.

In 1946, he returned to England as Major-General Administration and then Chief of Staff in Eastern Command before being given his last appointment in the Army as GOC Northern Ireland in 1949, from which he retired in 1952.

Denning then began his sterling work as Chairman of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association from 1953 to 1974. They were years of great change, encompassing the ending of National Service, the military campaigns of the withdrawal from Empire, and the subsequent run-down of the Services, creating many intractable problems for Service families. SSAFA was lucky to have such a wise and capable chairman throughout those twenty-one difficult years.

The Queen Mother gave him her unstinting support throughout his time with SSAFA, and it was a proud moment when the Queen conferred the honour in her own gift of KCVO upon him when he gave up the chairmanship at the age of 80.

His other activities after retirement included Deputy-Lieutenant of Essex, 1959-68; Vice-President of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 1967-77; and the Colonelcies of his own regiment, 1948; of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th), 1958; and of the Royal Anglian Regiment, 1964-66. From his earliest days he followed Oliver Cromwell's precept: "Put your trust in God and keep your powder dry."

In 1927, he married Eileen Violet Currie, OBE, who supported him in all that he did throughout his long life. They had two sons and a daughter.

ANTONIN KAPEK

Antonin Kapek, who was Communist Party chief in Prague from 1969 until April 1988, the years of repression, died by his own hand aged 67 on May 23, according to Rude Pravo, *the Communist Party newspaper.*

AFTER the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968 Antonin Kapek was prominent among the hardline leaders who got top posts to carry out the wave of purges inflicted on those party elements involved in the "Prague Spring" of Alexander Dubcek. Kapek was trusted sufficiently by Brezhnev aides on the spot, who had provided lists of those Czechoslovak Communist functionaries they regarded as "reliable", to be given charge of the so-called "normalisation" in the capital.

Kapek made what was his second bid to commit suicide – last January he reportedly shot himself unsuccessfully in the head – while staying at a weekend home in western Bohemia. He was the second senior Czechoslovak Communist party figure prominent during the repression of the 1970s to take his own life in the past three months. Demands have been growing recently in Czechoslovakia for those officials who collaborated with the USSR to be tried for high treason.

His becoming, in 1969, First Secretary of the Prague City Communist Party, and subsequently a member of the party's national praesidium, made him one of the principal beneficiaries of the purges under Gustav Husak. Kapek had previously been the party boss of a large machinery factory in Prague.

Long identified as a hardliner, Kapek welcomed the Soviet invasion and presided over one of the first meetings of the socalled "true Marxist-Leninists." He had to avoid entering his factory for fear of the angry workers.

He stoutly defended on many occasions the Soviet invasion, arguing even that it was the means by which Czechoslovakia could maintain its sovereignty "in a world divided by the class war." According to a tape recording smuggled out of the Czechoslovakia in 1972, made when he spoke before an assembly of highly critical Prague Technical College students, the Soviet Union was, as he put it, "more heroic and risked more" in 1968 than when the Red Army swept into the country towards the end of the Second World War. He could not answer when the students pressed him on why the names of those Czechoslovak "patriots" who had allegedly called for the Soviet Union to intervene in 1968 had never subsequently been made public.

As the extent of the purges grew there were signs, however, that Kapek became alarmed and vainly sought to moderate the more extreme Stalinist elements as they increasingly got the upper hand.

Last February Kapek was expelled from the Czechoslovak Communist party accused of having made "serious political mistakes."

JAMES LORING

James Adrian Loring, CBE, Director of the Spastics Society from 1967 to 1980, died on May 18 of Alzheimer's Disease, aged 72. He was born on November 22, 1917.

JAMES Loring made notable contributions to the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act of 1970, fought a 10-year battle to improve conditions for the handicapped in long stay hospitals and inspired the Spastics Society's "Save a Baby Campaign" in the 1970s to improve facilities for the care of pregnant women and their babies. Loring combined a variety of talent with considerable intelligence and charm and a passionate support of the cerebral palsied.

Six years in the RAF during the war, a Diploma in Economics at London University, training as a Chartered Secretary, two years at the Culpeper House Group of Companies, and 11 years in the John Lewis Partnership, where he became the first General Manager of the Waitrose Group, were simply a lead to his real life. He said he was tired of making money for other people, so in 1960 he joined the Spastics Society, first as Assistant Director of Finance and then soon switched to his real interest as Director of Services, where he could influence the rapid expansion of the Society's help for the cerebral palsied.

In 1967 he became the Society's Director. Almost his first action was to visit the Peto Institute for Conductive Education in Hungary to bring back the new and acclaimed nursery education for the cerebral palsied to two of the Society's schools. He also urged on the development of another Society school, Meldreth, whose purpose was to take some of the so-called "ineducable" children and prove that they were educable, and so worthy of Ministry of Education support instead of being relegated to long-stay hospitals by the Ministry of Health.

In the meantime, to equip himself, he was taking a Certificate of Abnormal Psychology at London University, backed by courses at the Tavistock. He was one of the main architects of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act. And he began his long battle to get people with cerebral palsy out of long-stay hospitals for the mentally handicapped. The chronic shortage of care staff, undertrained, under-paid and overworked in the grim "Victorian" institutions meant that often the children were simply fed, potted, bedded, but otherwise left alone all day. The unruly were usually kept quiet by sedative drugs.

Loring, who made speeches attacking the long-stay hospitals on every possible occasion, was intensely criticized by officialdom. "I have been described," he once said in a speech, "as hysterical, a liar and unbalanced, when I have described the conditions in some hospitals." But Maureen Oswin's devastating book *The Empty Hours* (published in 1971) showed, after a two-year investigation of many long-stay hospitals, that Loring's strictures were almost too kind.

Richard Crossman, Sir Keith Joseph and many others came under Loring's personal fire as they sat in their official trenches. Eventually attitudes changed. The Spastics Society built two centres, one at Eastbourne, the other in Manchester, to show how children should be housed, treated and occupied, and gave them to the local authorities. The authorities themselves began their plan to get handicapped children adopted by the community.

To increase the flow, Loring and Peggy Jay founded Exodus with a number of other charities. Finally, as Director of the Spastics Society's "Save a Baby Campaign" Loring's goal was to reduce rates of perinatal mortality.

He is survived by his wife, their son, and three children from a previous marriage.

CHARLES KNIGHT

Mrs A. M. Stewart-Wallace writes:

MAY I add a few words to the excellent obituary (May 19) of Charles Knight. He was always much interested in the preservation of the Sussex Downlands village of Ditchling and the surrounding countryside and took a leading part in the creation of the village green in the early 1960s. The farmyard adjacent to the 13th century church had become redundant and was offered for sale.

Charles Knight was among those who saw what a perfect setting this would be for a village green and was a founder member and, until his death, President of The Friends of Ditchling Village Green, the charitable trust set up for the purpose of achieving this. He was involved in the laying out of the land and the vision of a landscape artist is very visible in the result. He gave generously of his talents to the village whose preservation was one of his central interests.

Amersham International plc

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at a dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Amersham International plc held last night at the Mansion House. The Chairman, Sir Edwin Nixon, was the host and other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Sir John Fairclough, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Cabinet Office, and the Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson, MP, Secretary of State for Transport. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs William Castell, Chief Executive of Amersham International, Sir Walter and Lady Bodmer, Mr and Mrs Wolfgang Busselberg, Sir Hugh and Lady Cortazzi, Sir Frederick and Lady Crawford, Sir Charles Cunningham, Sir Aaron and Lady Klug, Dr and Mrs Cesar Milstein, Dr and Mrs Dai Rees, Mr and Mrs John Roques, Mr and Mrs Dennis Stevenson, Dr and Mrs James Watson and Mr and Mrs James Wyness.

Luncheons

Africa-European Community Association
Professor Washington Okumu was the guest of honour and speaker at the Africa Day luncheon arranged by the Africa-European Community Association at Over-Seas House, St James's, yesterday. Mr Peter Robbs presided. Mr Harvey Warmann, chairman of the steering committee, welcomed the guests.

Corporation of Insurance and Financial Advisors
Mr Graham Stuart-Hill, Chairman of the Corporation of Insurance and Financial Advisors, presided at the annual luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Viscount Tonypandy also spoke.

Service luncheon

Clover Club (8th Indian Division)
Members of the Clover Club and their ladies attended a reunion luncheon held yesterday at Quinettes, Churt, Surrey. Mr David Wilson presided. Colonel T.A. Buchanan, president, attended.

Kennedy Scholarships

Kennedy Scholarships for the academic year 1990-91 have been awarded as follows:

Harvard University
J Braithwaite: St Catharine's College, Cambridge, Govt/Int Relations: B Gibson, Wadham College, Oxford, Comp Lit: R Glennerster, Somerville College, Oxford, Economics: D Harding, Magdalen College, Oxford, Business Admin: A MacLean, University College, Oxford, Politics: R Morley, Pembroke College, Business Admin: P Wilson, Merton College, Oxford, Public Admin: M Yates, Edinburgh Univ, Design.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
J Lee, University of Bath, Business Admin: M Rookwood, University College London, Technology and Policy: N Taylor, St Anne's College, Oxford, Metallurgy.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P.L. Ainsley and Miss D.A. McCormick
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ainsley, of Seale, Surrey, and Debra Ann, daughter of Mr Donald L. McCormick, of Deland, Florida, and the late Mrs Ana Lebrón, of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

Mr E.W.G. Bayntun-Coward and Miss L.J. Press
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.H. Bayntun-Coward, of Dunkerton, Bath, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr S. Press, of Coromandel Farm, South Africa, and Mrs V. de Luria Press, of Chelsea, London.

Lord Bruce and Miss A.L. Movius
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of the Earl and Countess of Elgin and Kincardine, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr James Movius and the late Mrs Movius, of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Surgeon Lieutenant S.J. Easterbrooke RN and Miss S. Dinham
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Easterbrooke, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Sally, daughter of the late Mr John Dinham and of Mrs Michael Savidge, and stepdaughter of Mr Michael Savidge, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr J.T. Lilley and Miss C.A. Brenton
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Lilley, of Nascot Wood, Watford, and Caroline, only daughter of Dr and Mrs D.P. Brenton, of Bushey, Watford.

Mr G.C. Lockington and Miss C.J.R. Agnew
The engagement is announced between Graham Charles, son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Lockington, of Whissendine, Leicestershire, and Carolyn Jane Robertson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Agnew, of Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

Mr G.H. Newman and Miss N.J.E. Bruggeman
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Lt Col and Mrs Nigel Newman, of Knights Enham, Hampshire, and Nicolette, daughter of Mr André Bruggeman, of Roosendaal, Holland, and Mrs T. Barrie Cooper, of Hadlow Down, East Sussex.

Mr J. Putt and Miss S. Howarth
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of the late Mr Peter Putt and of Mrs Phyllis Putt, of Otford, Kent, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Howarth, of Reigate, Surrey.

Captain C.H. Snowball and Miss K.J. Dimelow-Bailey
The engagement is announced between Captain Colin Herbert Snowball, The Parachute Regiment, youngest son of the late Mr Henry Herbert Snowball and of Mrs Veronica Snowball, of Horley, Sussex, and Karen Josephine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Jeffrey Bailey, of Plymouth, Devon.

Dr J.C. Tabbert and Miss C.F. Slater
The engagement is announced between Jon Charles, elder son of Mrs E.B. Tabbert and of the late Mr L.G. Tabbert, of Madeira Beach, Florida, USA, and Catherine Fraser, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Slater, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr A.F. Trotter and Miss H.G. Cunningham
The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of the late Mr Ian Trotter and of Mrs Diana Trotter, of Castle Donington, Derby, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Cunningham, of Emsworth, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr R.E.D. Liley and The Hon Georgina Swinfen Eady
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 19, 1990, at Canterbury Cathedral, between Mr Robin Liley, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Liley, of Deal, Kent, and the Hon Georgina Swinfen Eady, daughter of Lord and Lady Swinfen, of Canterbury, Kent. The Very Rev J.A. Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rebecca Turner, the Hon Katherine Swinfen Eady and the Hon Arabella Swinfen Eady. Mr Simon Groombridge was best man. A reception was held at Dene House, Wingham.

Mr R.J. Bach and Mrs K.A. Jonkmans
The marriage took place at Beaumont House, Havelet, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, on Thursday, May 24, 1990, between Mr Richard John Bach and Mrs Karen Anne Jonkmans.

Mr O. Eggert and Miss M. Biety
A family wedding took place between Mr Oliver Eggert, of Frankfurt, West Germany, and Miss Michele Biety, of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, USA, on May 25, 1990, at St Anne's Church, Uccle, Bruxelles, Belgium.

Mr D.N.R. Greig and Miss N.E. Peters
The marriage took place recently in Melbourne, Australia, of Nigel Greig, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Greig, and Nicola Peters, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Royal College of Physicians

The following have been elected Honorary Fellows:
Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal GCVO; Miss Benazir Bhutto BA, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; and the Right Hon The Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord High Chancellor.

The following have been elected Fellows of the College:
Geoffrey Duncan Chisholm, President, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; Walter Werner Holland, President, Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom; James McArthur, President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow; George Charles Jenkins; Robert Williamson; John Phillip Chalmers; Yew Oo Tan; Roger Ellul-Micallef; Mahmud Hasan.

The Engineering Council

Elections
The following have been elected to the council:
Professor Michael Burdekin; Peter John Oates; Dr David Eric Fussey; Terence Harrison; Air Marshal Sir Frank Martyn Holroyd; Derek Kingsbury; and Barbara Stevens.

Society of Designer-Craftsmen

The society's Centennial Silver Medal for 1990 has been awarded to Mr Philip Rawson, former Dean of thr School of Art and Design at Goldsmiths' College, for outstanding service to the crafts.

Appointments

The following have been appointed ambassadors:
Mr K E H Morris to Colombia; Mr R C Beetham, ambassador-designate to Senegal, to be also ambassador (non resident) to Cape Verde and Guinea; Mr J G Flynn, ambassador at Luanda, to be additionally ambassador (non-resident) to Sao Tome and Principe.

Mr J O Kerr to be Permanent Representative to the European Community, with the personal rank of ambassador.

Sir David Hannay to be to be Permanent Representative to the U N at New York and U K Representative on the Security Council, with the personal rank of ambassador.

Mr Rhys Everson Davies QC to be a Circuit Judge on the Northern Circuit and to be Honorary Recorder of Manchester.

Mr John Bertram Diehl QC and Mr Kenneth Charles MacRae to be Circuit Judges, on the Wales and Chester, and South Eastern Circuits respectively.

Mr T R Cutler to be a Forestry Commissioner and Director General of the Forestry Commission in succession to Mr Gwyn Francis who is retiring.

Dr Lionel Dakers, CBE, to be President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians.

School news

Bloxham School
Today is Founderstide. The Preacher at the Festal Sung Eucharist will be the Rev Canon John Fenton of Christ Church, Oxford. The new Swimming Pool will be formally opened by Miss Sharron Davies. Parents, Old Bloxhamists and Friends will be able to view other new School amenities, there will be a Concert in the Great Hall, Cricket and Tennis Matches against *Old Bloxhamists* and in the evening the Founderstide Ball.

Harrow School, Churchill Songs 1990
In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the visit to Harrow of Sir Winston Churchill in November 1940 Songs are being held in the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday, November 22, 1990. All present parents and members of the Harrow Association will receive details before the end of May and those living abroad shortly afterwards. Past parents who require further details should contact Philip Balcombe, Director of The Harrow Development Trust, 5 High Street, Harrow, HA1 3HP (Tel: 081 869 1209).

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Open Scholarships 1990
The following Awards have been made:
Major Scholarships: John D. Miller, Bedford School; Charles E. Yorke, Bedford Lower School. Minor Scholarships: Stephen J. Mason, Bedford Modern School; Amresh Raina, Spratton Hall, Northampton; Ian A. Sheldon, Bedford Lower School; Paul D. Smith, Akeley Wood School, Buckingham. Major Exhibitions: James M. Kemp, Bedford Lower School; Alastair D. Matthews, Bedford Lower School. Rice Classical Exhibition: Andrew J.C. Moss, Bedford Lower School. Minor Exhibitions: Christopher D. Cooper, Bedford Lower School; Fred W.G. Drew, Kingshott School, St Ippolyts; Richard A. Lines, Kingshott School, St Ippolyts; Toby J.B. Rhodes, St Hugh's School, Woodhall Spa; Andrew R.W. Ward, Westminster Abbey Choir School. 11+ Scholarships: Akshay Jasuja, Bedford Preparatory School; Adam J. Waller, Alameda Middle School; James D.R. Cox, St John's Primary School, Barnet; Benjamin C. Linton-Willoughby, Bedford Preparatory School; Jamie A. McColm, William Austin Junior School; Ian P.W. Wallace, Bedford Preparatory School. Music Scholarships: Philip W.J. Stopford, Westminster Abbey Choir School; Andrew R.W. Ward, Westminster Abbey Choir School. Music Exhibitions: Christopher D. Cooper, Bedford Lower School; Jonathan P. Martin, Bedford School.

Sherborne School
As a result of recent examinations the following awards have been made:
Academic
The Top Scholarship: J.H. Neill, St Ronan's, Hawkhurst, Kent. The Ross Wallace Scholarship: P.C.H. Harvey, Winchester House, Brackley. Further Scholarships: M.A.M. Buchanan, West Hill Park, Titchfield; S.J. Drummond, Sherborne School, formerly King's School Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove; B.J. Harrild, Northaw School, West Tytherley; R.J. Moncreiff, Haslemere Preparatory School. Exhibitions: H.M.C. Crawford, Sherborne School, formerly Cottesmore School, Crawley; N.R. de Mestre, Twyford School, Winchester; N.J. Henderson, King's School Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove; E.D.L.S. Havard, King's School Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove; B.R. Laidlow, Port Regis, Shaftesbury; M.T. Porter-Davison, Brightlands, Newnham. Sherborne School Preparatory Award: P.R. Hughes.
Sixth Form
Exhibition: O. Tonkin, Bristol Grammar School.
Music
Scholarships: A.E. Lewis, Bournemouth School; E.W.G.M. Wingate, Edinburgh House, New Milton; P.J. Marshall, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford. Bursary: E.D.L.S. Havard, King's School Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove.
Art
Exhibitions: T.R. MacIver, Clifton College Preparatory School; D.R. Brazier, Twyford School, Winchester.

Anniversaries

TODAY
BIRTHS: Philippe de Champaigne, painter, Brussels, 1602; John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, soldier, Ashe, Devon, 1650; Edmund de Goncourt, novelist, Nancy, France, 1882; Mary, queen consort of George V, Kensington Palace, 1867; Al Jolson, Seredzius, Lithuania, 1886; John Wayne, film actor, Winterset, Iowa, 1907

DEATHS: Saint Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury 601-604/05, Canterbury, 604/05; Samuel pepys, London, 1703; Thomas Southern, dramatist, London, 1746; John Curwen, music educator, founder of the tonic sol-fa system, Manchester, 1880; Charles Mayo, surgeon, Chicago, 1939; Lincoln Ellsworth, explorer and engineer, New York, 1951; Jacques Lipschitz, sculptor, Isle of Capri, 1973.

First issue of £1 and £2 banknotes in England, 1797.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: Amelia Bloomer, campaigner for womens' rights, Homer, New York, 1818; Arnold Bennett, novelist, Hanley, Staffordshire, 1867; Georges Rouault, Expressionist painter, Paris, 1871; Isadora Duncan, dancer, San Francisco, 1877; Sir John Cockroft, physicist, Nobel laureate, 1951; Todmorden, Yorkshire, 1897.

DEATHS: Thomas Müntzer, Protestant reformer, executed, Mulhausen, Germany, 1525; John Calvin, Protestant reformer, Geneva, 1564; Franois Babeuf, revolutionary, executed, Vendôme, 1797; Niccola Paganini, composer and violin virtuoso, Nice, 1840; Robert Koch, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1905, Baden-Baden 1910; Sir Joseph Swan, chemist and physicist, Warlingham, Surrey, 1914; Jawaharlal Nehru, first prime minister of India 1947-64, New Delhi, 1964.

Habeas corpus Act was passed, 1679.

Elections

Mr Arthur William Hessin Charles to be a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

For it is when the Lord thinks well of a person that he is really approved, and not when he thinks well of himself.
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BIRTHS

[illegible] - On May 23rd, to Fay (née Elliott) and Alan, a son, George David Elliott.

BLISS - On May 22nd, in Milan, to Veronica (née Barnes) and Jonathan, a son, Henry Gordon.

[illegible] - On May 24th, at Morriston Hospital, Swansea, to Clare (née Bardsley) and Nicholas, a daughter, Serena Claire.

[illegible] - On May 6th, to Nicola (née Hayfield) and Paul, a son, Hugo Alexander St. John.

BROOK-SHANAHAN - *On May* 25th, 1990, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sally (née Wagstaff) and Kevan, a daughter, Camilla Sophie Rose, a sister for Charles.

CALKIN - On Saturday, May 19th, to Ginny and Charles, a daughter, Annabel Kate, a sister for Camilla and Harry.

FOX - On May 25th, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, to Caroline (née Methuen) and Charles, a daughter.

HALL - On May 24th 1990, to Julie and Mark, a daughter, Emily Louise. The proud grandparents are Hilda and Andy Dickson of Parley and John and Dema Hall of Bristol.

KAY - On May 19th in Jersey to Helena (née Hawkins) and William, a son, Anthony Wilfrid, a brother for Natacha.

LAWRENCE - On May 21st 1990 at St. James Hospital, Leeds, to Catherine (née Shapiro) and Paul, a daughter, Tara Georgina, a sister for Sebastian Frederick.

[illegible] - On May 25th, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Rebecca (née Keatley) and Jonathan, a daughter, Bethany Rose Isolde, a sister for George and Anastasia.

PAGE - On May 20th, at Pembury Hospital, to Robin (née Dewling) and Christopher, a son, Edward Maximilian, a brother for Thomas, Charles and Felicia.

PAGE - On May 24th to Amanda (née Johnston) and Ian, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, a sister for Claire and James.

RUSSELL - On May 18th at The Portland Hospital to Caroline (née Constantine-Smith) and Quentin, a son, Rory Angus, a brother for Jessica, Fenella and Jemima.

[illegible] - On May 22nd 1990, in Los Angeles, to Sarah and Peter, a daughter, Jessica Anne.

VAN der STEEN - On May 20th, at Okehampton, to Rachel & Allen, a son James.

VENESS - On May 20th, to Penny (née Gilmour) and Bob, a daughter, Amelia Nancy, a sister for Rufus.

WALTON - On May 24th, to Sarah and Timothy, triplets, Rebecca, Toby and Andrew.

DEATHS

BAYLISS - On May 24th, 1990, Edmund, peacefully at his home in Guernsey after a long illness. Beloved father of Elizabeth and Jeremy.

[illegible] - On May 21st, suddenly at home, Patricia Mary 'Pat' dearest sister of Tony and the late Hugh. A much loved sister-in-law, Aunt and Great Aunt. Thanksgiving service, June 1st at St. Marys, Compton, Sussex at 12 noon. Enquiries to Edward White and Sons, Chichester 782136

FITZGERALD - On May 25th peacefully at home at Wotton-under-Edge, Geoffrey Molyneux M.D., F.R.C.S., aged 86. Beloved husband of Priscilla, dearly loved by all his family. Funeral, May 31st (family only). Memorial service at later date.

HAMPSON - On May 24th, 1990, peacefully at home after a long fight, Valerie Torbett Cahill Hampson, aged 41 years of Staple, Canterbury, Kent. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium, Canterbury on Thursday, May 31st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o J. Dilnot-Smith & Sons, Funeral Directors, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, Kent.

HAYCRAFT - On May 16th 1990, Captain Corder John Clendon, aged 79. Husband of Genevieve. Funeral has taken place.

HOBBS - Mary (née de Quincey) On May 24th at Barton Grange, Winscombe, late of Blagdon, widow of the Reverend A.J.H Hobbs, M.A. Funeral service at Blagdon Parish Church on Thursday, May 31st at 11 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. All enquiries to C.V Gower & son Funeral Directors, The Square Winscombe, Avon. Tel 0934 842946.

HOPE-THOMSON - On Friday May 25th 1990 at Over Migvie, Kirriemuir in his 79th year. Brigadier MRJ Hope-Thomson DSO., OBE., MC., Royal Scots Fusilier. Beloved husband of Anne and loving father of Jamie and Paula and devoted grandfather. No flowers please, funeral private.

PARKER - On May 23rd suddenly but peacefully at home in Portree, Isle of Skye, Olive (née Marriott), widow of Jack and dearly loved by many friends.

PENTNEY - On May 19th 1990, Richard George, peacefully, aged 67, dearly loved husband of Elisabeth, loving father of Nicola, Tessa, Catherine and Andrea and grandfather of 10. Private funeral. Donations if desired to St. Michaels Hospice, St Leonards-on-sea. Enquiries to: Jempsons, Battle. Tel: 0424 62029.

STEINER - On 23rd May 1990 at Cambridge, Rosemary Steiner (née Oldham) of Deddington, Oxon, and formerly of Highgate. Family funeral in Warwickshire on 30th May. There will be a Requiem in London later.

STEWART - On May 22nd 1990. Peacefully after a short illness in Anglesea Road Hospital, Ipswich, Charles James Stewart M.D. M.B. B.S. devoted husband of the late Peggy, beloved father of Malcolm, Keith and Elizabeth and adored grandfather. Private cremation, no flowers please but donations if wished for The Suffolk Chest and Heart Diseases Care Committee may be sent to: Singleton and Hastings Funeral Service, Berners St., Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 3LW. A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held at St. Mary le Tower Church, Ipswich on Thursday June 21st 1990 at 2.30pm.

STOCK - On May 24th, 1990, peacefully at St Angela's Convent, Bristol, Audrey (née Boucher) in her 88th year. Widow of Christian Merrett Stock. Funeral Service to be held 3.00pm. Friday, June 1st at Canford Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations in aid of the Talking Books for the Blind, which gave her so much pleasure, to R. Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Road, Bristol.

TILLEY - On May 23rd, peacefully at home, John Frederick aged 77 years beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service on Wednesday 30th May at 12.15pm at Eltham Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research

WRIGHT - On May 25th 1990, peacefully at St Mary's Nursing Home, Ednaston, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Evelyn Osborne Fitzherbert Wright, aged 80 years, beloved husband of the late Mary and a dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral Thursday, May 31st service 2.30pm at St Martin's Church, Osmaston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Family flowers only please.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

WILL - Major George Douglas, 7th Hussars, killed in action at Calais, May 26th, 1940, aged 48. Lovingly remembered by his daughter Cynthia Munro.

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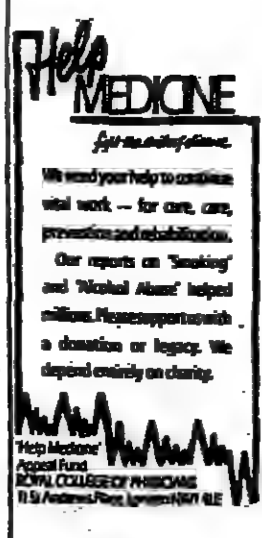

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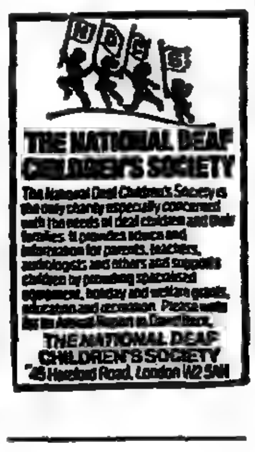

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16

FEDARIE
(a) This is in fact a variant spelling of *feodary*; but Shakespeare got it wrong, misassociating it with the Latin *foedus* a treaty; *Cymbeline*: "Art thou a fedarie for this Act?"

SALSE
(c) A mud volcano, from the eponymous name of the famous old Italian one at Sassuolo near Modena: "Now and then this salse is said to be seized with a violent paroxysm."

CROME
(c) Hook or crook, from the Old English *cramb* a hook: "A sickle to cut with, a didall and crome/For draining of ditches, that noies thee at home."

METONYMY
(b) Name-change, substitution of an attributive or other suggestive word for the name of the thing meant, cf. *synecdoche*, for example, the Crown, the Brat Pack, the Iron Duke, the Iron Lady, the Welsh Windbag, from the Greek meta indicating change + onoma a name.

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MAY 26 — ON THIS DAY — 1847

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ST PAUL'S AS A PRISON

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, One morning last week, being in the neighbourhood of Westminster Abbey, I stepped in for a few minutes to enjoy the solemn calm of its venerable aisles, which, by force of contrast with the hubbub without, strikes one with even more power than in our other cathedrals. I hoped I might have been in time for the conclusion of morning prayer; but, when I arrived at the door service had been long over, and, therefore, by the old rule, entrance would have been barred against all who were not willing to pay a hateful fee. Now, happily, a more liberal policy has been adopted by the conservators of the grand national monument; and on entering the *building* a most novel and delightful sight presented itself to me; the nave and transepts, now thrown entirely open, were thronged with people, who, though well-dressed and respectable in appearance, were evidently of that class who would have been effectually excluded on the old rate of payment (which no long time back I remember to have been 1s 3d for each individual.) They were walking about admiring the *architecture*, or spelling out the monuments, and enjoying all they saw the more from being free and unattended, with no odious verger dogging their heels and directing them what to look at, and wearying their ears with his humdrum tale a thousand times told.

Within half an hour's walk of the abbey there stands another magnificent monument of the piety of our forefathers, which, as in architecture, so in other points, presents a remarkable contrast to it. The most unpractised eye can mark the difference between the pointed arches and the traceried windows and the soaring vault of Westminster, and the Corinthian columns and the swelling dome of St Paul's; and a poor man has but to present himself at the door of *either* cathedral to enable him to judge most accurately of the merits of the two systems, the liberal and the exclusive, adopted by either chapter respectively. This may be done on principle: the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's may not think it consistent with the peculiar character of their cathedral to follow an example set by a Gothic church; if so, I can only congratulate them on their complete success, while at the same time I warn them that they will be disappointed if they expect much gratitude from the public for what they are doing. However, should this not be the case, let me entreat any one of the reverend gentlemen who think it necessary to keep the huge door of St Paul's chained up like a prison, with a gaoler inside demanding two-pences through a grating, and who deem that the safety of the cathedral and its monuments is only to be secured by iron fences and spiked railings, to pay a visit any morning to their sister foundation, and, after witnessing the number who crowd its aisles, and having assured themselves (as I did by inquiry of the vergers) that no mischief is ever attempted — not even a name scribbled *on the walls* — ask themselves whether the distance between the two churches would transform a well behaved crowd into a mischievous rabble? And if not, whether they are doing their duty to the diocese of whose *cathedral they* are the guardians in excluding them from its hallowed precincts? Yours etc.

D.S.

SATURDAY'S TELEVISION & RADIO

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BBC 1

6.40 Open University
7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 The Muppet Babies (r) 8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester. Energy, noise and colour in equally large amounts as the team look into *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, motor sports holidays and try table football
10.50 Film: The Magic of Lassie (1978) starring James Stewart, Alice Faye and Mickey Rooney. A bland remake of *Lassie Come Home*. Directed by Don Chaffey 12.27 Weather
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.35 Football: a guide to the teams in Group C of the World Cup; 1.00 News; 1.05, 3.00 and 4.00 Golf: action from the second round of the Volvo Masters at Wentworth; 1.25, 1.55, 2.25 and 3.50 Racing from Haydock Park and the Curragh; 1.35, 2.05 and 2.35 Boxing: Gary Stretch and Tony Collins are on the *Reading bill; 4.50 Final Score*
5.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
5.10 Regional News and Sport
5.15 SOS Star Awards 1990. Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield give out the gongs to the winners of the eight categories which pulled the most votes in the childrens' television awards arranged by the BBC and the Stars Organization for Spastics
6.15 Opportunity Knocks. Talent show hosted by Les Dawson

Bruce Forsyth and Claire Sutton (7.05pm)

7.05 Takeover Bid.
● Bruce Forsyth returns to the BBC as host of a "new game show with a unique difference". The novelty is that the contestants get their prizes at the start and then have to hang on to them. Otherwise the show proceeds on familiar lines. The guests (who tonight include a solicitor who does *Shirley Temple impressions) are* prompted into telling well rehearsed anecdotes, which Brucie trumps with even better rehearsed jokes. It is the Bob Monkhouse technique, but not quite so obvious. In format, too, *Takeover Bid* turns out to be reminiscent of Monkhouse's *Full House*, with categories of questions coming up randomly on a board and a marvellous holiday at the end for the contestant who can "double up for the big one". Unlike Monkhouse, however, Forsyth desists from jokes about "the wife". At least so far
7.35 Three Up, Two Down. Final episode *of the split-level sitcom (r).* (Ceefax)
8.05 Film: Jaws 2 (1978). Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary and Murray Hamilton in a limp, profit-inspired sequel to Steven Spielberg's chiller. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc
10.00 News with Martyn Lewis. Sport and weather
10.20 Casualty: Victim of Circumstances. Realistic hospital drama. An Asian newspaper boy suffers a vicious attack, with racist motives (r). (Ceefax)
11.10 Paramount City. Live entertainment with *Comedy Store* pretentions
11.50 Film: The Family Way (1967). Hywel Bennett and Hayley Mills as disaster-prone newlyweds whose failure to consummate their marriage becomes the talk of their northern town. *Overstretched farce*, directed by Roy Boulting. (Ceefax)
1.40am Weather

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News read by Susie Grant followed by Good Morning Moments introduced by Ulrika Jonsson. 7.00 News and WAC 90. Children's entertainment introduced by Michaela Strachan and Mike Brosnan
9.25 Ghost Train. *Among the guests are* Chris Packham from *The Really Wild Show* who will be talking about dung and beetles; *Brookside*'s Rachel Lindsay and Danny McCall; and Blackbox
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot is filled by Paul Simon
12.30 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends. Further adventures of Mark Twain's young hero and his friends
1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Coronation Street. A repeat of Wednesday's and Friday's episodes
2.05 Matlock. The hayseed lawyer Ben Matlock has to sort out a clash between business and pleasure when his house guest turns out to be prosecuting a murder case in which he is defending. *Starring Andy Griffith and* Julie Sommars
3.05 Film: Campbell's Kingdom (1957) starring Dirk Bogarde and Stanley Baker. Entertaining drama set in the Canadian Rockies about a young Englishman who inherits a farm with oil beneath *it*. But will he make his fortune before the land is flooded by a dam? Directed by Ralph Thomas
4.50 Cartoon Time.
5.00 News with *Fiona Armstrong*. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.15 ITV Telethon 90 Is on the Way. Michael Aspel continues the build-up to Telethon 90, which begins tomorrow
5.30 The Incredible Hulk. Bill Bixby stars as Dr David Banner and Lou Ferrigno as his monster alter ego in this sanitized version of the comic-book anti-*hero who left destruction in his wake* but got away with it because it was always directed against repressive authorities. Here the bad guys are drug pushers out to get a cab company
6.30 Cannon and Ball's Casino. *Three* more couples pit their wits against the video wall, and Dusty Springfield's music provides a welcome relief from from the stars.
7.15 Wayne Dobson — A Kind of Magic. More comedy and magic with Wayne Dobson and Linda Lusardi
7.45 Murder, She Wrote: Seal of the Confessional. A distraught parishioner seeks absolution from murder in the confessional, creating a moral dilemma for the young priest, especially when an innocent man is accused of the *crime. Can crime writer* Jessica Fletcher (Angela Lansbury) help? You bet your bottom dollar she can
8.40 News with Fiona Armstrong Sport and weather 8.55 LWT Weather
9.00 Taggart — *The Movie. Root of Evil* This year's City of Culture is the venue *for a series* of brutal murders of Glaswegian loan sharks. Another feature-length story, originally shown in three parts, and well worth watching again for the performances of Mark McManus and *James McPherson, even* if the plot is familiar. (Oracle)
11.30 The Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday (1976) starring Lee Marvin, *Oliver Reed and* Robert Culp. Unsubtle comedy Western about an old cowboy out to revenge himself on an absconding partner who stole the proceeds from a boxing match. While he is *setting about this he falls for* a young prostitute, and some strange situations ensue. Not least Reed playing a Red Indian. Directed by Don Taylor. Followed by News headlines
1.30am Film: Death Penalty (1980) starring Colleen Dewhurst, Dana Elcar, Joe Morton and David Labiosa. A *made-for-television*, realistic drama about a 15-year-old who stabs two rival gang members. He is obviously guilty, but should he go to the chair or receive psychiatric help? David Labiosa is *the juvenile delinquent* at the centre of it all. Directed by Waris Hussein
3.15 American Documentary: The Taming of the Canadian West. How the frontier pioneers went into *the wilds looking* for gold and bounty
4.15 The Hit Man and Her. Michaela Strachan and Pete Waterman invite you to dance the night away with more hit sounds from clubs around the country. Followed by News headlines
5.05 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. *Ends at 6.00*

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths — Calculus 7.15 The Effective Manager: Meetings 7.40 Geology of the Alps 8.05 Computing — On the Right Track 8.30 What Value Nuclear Protests? 8.55 What's in Store 9.20 Mastering *Management 9.45 Hamlet Workshop* 10.10 Images. Holography at Work 10.35 For Reasons of State 11.00 The Effective Manager: The Deep End 11.25 Evolution: Fossilised Bones *11.50* Living Choices: Supporting Systems 12.15 Special Needs in Education 12.40 Santo Spirito: A Renaissance Church 1.05 Education for Adults: Limerick Lessons 1.30 Modern Art: Futurism 1.55 Scenes from *Dr Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe 2.20 The Plough and the Hoe: The Green Revolution
2.45 Mahabharat. *The 91-part epic Indian* soap grinds on. Dhritharashtra marries Gandhari, who bandages her eyes so that she too is blind. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 Film: *Written on the Wind (1957)* starring Dorothy Malone, who won an Oscar for her role, Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall and Robert Stack. The alcoholic son of a wealthy Texas oil baron is seemingly reformed when his friend introduces him to a young secretary. But his marriage is undermined by his sister's jealousy. *The sort of stylish romantic melodrama* that Hollwood seems unable, or unwilling, to make these days. Directed by Douglas Sirk.
5.00 International Golf. Harry Carpenter introduces coverage from Wentworth of the Volvo PGA Championship second round. The commentating team comprises Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Clive Clark, Alex Hay and Mike Hughesdon
6.00 International Gymnastics. Ron Pickering introduces action from the Men's European Championship in Lausanne, Switzerland. The commentator is Mitch Fenner
7.20 Newsview with Moira Stuart and Lynette Lithgow. Weather
8.05 What the Papers Say with Mark Lawson of *The Independent* (r)
8.20 One World, One Voice. A *musical* climax to *One World* week is a celebration of the rich heritage of sounds from all over the planet put together by musician and video-maker Kevin Godley. Contributing to the musical chain are more than 150 *musicians, ranging from* western stars such as Sting and Suzanne Vega to the Bagamoyo Players and Salif Keita. The film mixes documentary footage with concert film, and is punctuated with planet promos
10.20 Video Diaries: Just for the Record.
● Slightly breaking the rules for the last in the series, the "diarist" this week is a professional photographer, rather than someone handling a video camera for the first time. The improvement in technical quality is striking and the content is no less absorbing for being presented with an expert's gloss. David Francis set out to record the life of his unusually close-knit *family and found himself* unexpectedly covering the death of his grandmother. Although she was a good age, her passing was a great shock and it was felt the hospital had not come clean about the circumstances. Having embarked on thee project Francis felt he had to carry it through, despite obvious reluctance to increase the family grief by committing it to public record. Some viewers may demur at the extent to which Francis and his wife inflict the old lady's death on their small children, *who can hardly be expected to* understand. (Ceefax)

Mourning: David Francis and family (10.20pm)

11.10 Saturday Night Clyde. Arts showcase from Glasgow. With Mayfest in town, the arts are more *exotic* this week with *anti-apartheid* works and music by African artists from the Frontline states. Presented by Clare English, Pat Kane and Stuart Cosgrove
11.50 Film: The Undercover Man (1949, b/w).
● No one will pretend that this is one the world's great films, but it is an *excellent example of the modestly* budgeted thriller that Hollywood did so well before television killed the B picture and appropriated its staple material. *The Undercover Man* is the work of Joseph H. Lewis, perhaps best known for a later film, *Gun Crazy*, and something of a cult director who was capable of lifting banal material with his *crisp visual style* and sure handling of actors. In a story loosely based on the arrest of Al Capone for income tax evasion, Glenn Ford plays a treasury agent in pursuit of an unseen king of the underworld known as the Big Fellow. Nina Foch, a Dutch-born actress who specialized in cool blondes, is Ford's wife. For an unpretentious film, *The Undercover Man* has several impressive credits, including Robert Rossen as producer, Sidney Boehm (who penned one of the finest gangster films, *The Big Heat*) as writer and Burnett Guffey, later to win Oscars for *From Here to Eternity* and *Bonnie and Clyde*, as cameraman. Ends at 1.15am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Early Morning. Cartoon medley to entertain the children, including Batman and Captain America 7.00 Kaboodle. Comedy, adventure and fantasy for children, both animated and acted
7.30 International News. ITN reporters from around the world introduce background reports on the news in foreign lands 8.00 Transworld Sport. International sporting news and headlines 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line
9.25 Australian Rules Football. A charmingly polite recreation as played by our gentle cousins Down Under. The object of the game is to decapitate your opponent, although this pursuit is occasionally delayed when points are scored. Steve Robilliard has brushed up sufficiently on his handbook of combat injuries to present
10.30 Listening Eye: Working Lives. A look at the works of two deaf artists, with signing and subtitles (r).
11.00 Check Out. Features on junk mail, medical aid for travellers and the fertilization services on offer for childless couples (r). (Oracle)
11.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Vintage Western series starring Ward Bond
12.30 California Off Beat: Blowing Off Steam. Wayne Freedman finds out how they relax in California, when they are not busy being laid-back
12.55 Film: The Demi-Paradise (1943, b/w).
● Anthony Asquith's film is a semi-propaganda oddity from the Second World War, in which Laurence Olivier puts on a convincing Russian accent and plays a young Soviet engineer encountering a somewhat eccentric version of the English way of life. The purpose of the piece, which can nowadays provoke unintended hilarity, was presumably to promote Anglo-Soviet comradeship at a time when Uncle Joe Stalin was firmly installed as a desirable ally. If so, the means are circuitous, depending on winning the visitor's approval for a society that may talk of planning on Soviet lines but is actually rooted in a genial, free-wheeling conservatism. An *archetypal* character is Felix Aylmer's shipbuilder, who may be a millionaire but finds money uninteresting and loves poetry and nightingales. A cast that includes both Margaret Rutherford and, *in a small* part, Joyce Grenfell, is an indication of what to expect.

Laurence Olivier's Soviet engineer (12.55pm)

3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park and the Curragh. Live coverage of the Californian Maiden Fillies Stakes (3.10); the Crawley Warren Handicap Stakes (3.40) and the Underwriting Handicap Stakes (4.40) *from Kempton and the Goffs Irish* 1,000 Guiness Stakes (3.55) from the Curragh
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right To Reply. The emphatically terse Brian Hayes introduces television inspired backchat from viewers in the video boxes. (Oracle)
6.30 Gallery. George Melly invites the teams to name that painting. This week captains *Maggi Hambling and Frank* Whitford are joined by curator Joanna Banham, writer Paul Bailey, and gallery acolytes Anatol Orient and Nicholas Treadwell
7.00 The World This Week introduced by Sheena McDonald and Michael Nicholson. Followed by Weather
8.00 Kingdom of the Deep: Polar Bear! The world's *largest land-living carnivores* have a troubled future. Not only is the ice they roam over melting, but responsibility for their well-being is split between five nations and is consequently difficult to organize. Andrew Sachs is the narrator (r)
9.00 thirtysomething: Fathers and Lovers. The chic US soap for baby *boomers with careers and worries.* Starring Melanie Mayron
10.00 Film: Katinka (1988) starring Tammi Ost and Kurt Ryan. At the turn of the century, a provincial stationmaster's wife is dying slowly *of consumption*. Then into her life comes a young farm bailiff, and slowly her life begins to fill with love. Tammi Ost plays the lonely woman at the window, with Kurt Ravn as her platonic lover, in this hauntingly tranquil adaptation of a novel by Herman Bang. An *impressive* directorial debut from Max Von Sydow, *with traces of the style of Bergman,* for whom he has often acted. In Danish with English subtitles
11.45 The Travelling Talk Show. Nicky Campbell chairs a discussion from Colombia about how the country can deal with its huge cocaine industry and win the drugs war.
12.45am Film: The Maze (1953, b/w) *starring Veronica Hurst and Richard* Castle. Marvellously zany horror/thriller with a jilted fiancée tracking her beloved to a Scottish castle, only to find that strange things are on the hop. Seminally directed on a shoestring by William Cameron Menzies. Ends at 2.15

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.05pm-4.45 Film: Florence Nightingale 5.30-6.30 The A-Team 7.45-8.40 Murder, She Wrote: Three Strikes, You're Out 11.30 Film: Save The Tiger 1.25am Pop Profile 1.35 CinemAttractions 2.05 The Hit Man and Her 4.05-5.05 In The Heat of the Night

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 NB 1.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.05-5.00 Film: Hatari! 11.30 Film: Honeysuckle Rose 1.45 Comedy Store 2.05 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 Batman 4.35-5.00 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Hot Water 2.05 Brazil 70: Team of the Century 3.10-5.00 Film: On The Fiddle 5.30-6.30 The A-Team 7.45-8.40 Murder She Wrote: Sins of Castle Cove 11.35 Film: The Bliss of Mrs Blossom 1.20am Garrison's Gorillas 2.20 CinemAttractions 2.50 Police Precinct 3.50 America's Top Ten 4.20-5.05 Professional Baseball

CHANNEL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Supercross 2.05 Burning Rubber 3.00-5.00 Film: Seven Thunders 5.30-6.30 The A-Team 11.30 Film: The Choirboys 1.45am Raw Power 2.45 The Twilight Zone 3.05 Wrestling 4.05-5.05 The Hit Man and Her

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10pm The Oldest Rookie 2.05-5.00 Film: Hatari! 5.30-6.30 The A-Team 7.45-8.40 Murder, She Wrote: Weave A Tangled Web 11.30 Film: Honeysuckle Rose 1.45 The Comedy Store 2.05 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 Batman 4.35-5.00 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.05pm Film: Nurse On Wheels* 3.35-5.00 Film: For The Love Of Benji 7.45-8.40 Murder, She Wrote: Three Strikes, You're Out 11.30 Film: Fedora 1.35am Throb 2.00 Three's Company 2.30 Film: Blackmail Chase 4.05-5.05 Bedrock: Buzzcocks

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: No variations

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 2.05 The Magic of David Copperfield 3.00-5.00 Film: They Who Dare 7.45-8.40 Murder, She Wrote: Truck Stop 11.30 Film: Honeysuckle Rose 1.45am The Comedy Store 2.05 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 Batman 4.35-5.00 America's Top Ten

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Supercross 2.05 Burning Rubber 3.00-5.00 Film: Seven Thunders* 5.30-6.30 The A-Team 7.45-8.40 Murder, She Wrote. Something Borrowed, Someone Blue 11.30 Film: The Choirboys 1.45am Raw Power 2.50 The Twilight Zone 3.10 Wrestling 4.05-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.10pm The Incredible Hulk 2.05-5.00 Film: Hatari! 5.30-6.30 The A-Team 11.30 Film: Honeysuckle Rose 1.40am Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 1.10 Film: Hawmps 3.45-5.00 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 5.30-6.30 Baywatch 11.30 Film: Honeysuckle Rose 1.45 The Twilight Zone 2.05 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 Batman 4.35 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.05 Run the Gauntlet 3.05 Film: Seven Thunders* 7.45-8.40 Murder, She Wrote: Smooth Operators 11.30 Tour of Duty 12.25am Film: Curse of the Fly* 2.05 The Hit Man and Her 4.05-5.05 Rags to Riches

S4C

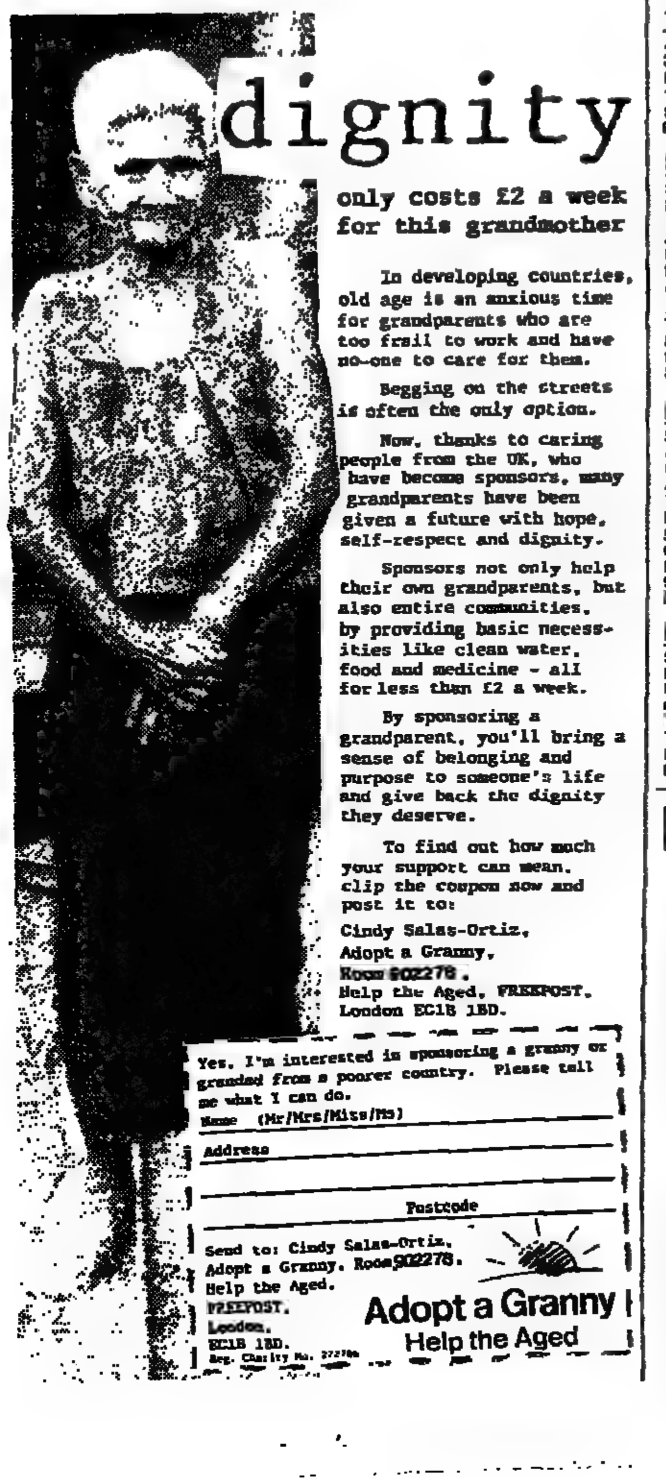
Starts: 6.00am Early Morning 9.25 Australian Rules Football 10.30 Listening Eye 11.00 Check Out 11.30 Loads More Muck and Magic* 12.00 The Speedo Fast Water Meet 12.30pm Hard News 1.00 Film: Young Bess 3.05 Racing from Kempton Park and Curragh 5.05 Brookside 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 The Wonder Years 7.00 The Television Village 7.30 Newyddion 7.40 Noson Lawen 8.40 Mana Stella 9.40 Film: Hotel du Paradis 11.45 The Travelling Talk Show 12.45am-2.15 Film: The Maze*

RTE 1

Starts: 10.20am The Puppy's Further Adventures 10.45 *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century* 11.40 The Henderson Kids 12.05 Adventure Bound 12.55 Pro Jeunesse 1.15 The Bionic Woman 2.10 News followed by Film: Q Planes 3.40 Film: Didn't You Hear? 5.20 Tar Amach Faoin Aer 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 Fizz 7.05 Baywatch 8.00 Travelling Light 9.00 News 9.20 Dallas 10.15 Kenny "Live" 11.40 Max Monroe 12.35am News 12.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 11.30am Action for Our Common Future 12.00 *Sign of the Times* 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Kidnapped 6.00 Perfect Strangers 6.30 Suil Thart 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Live at the Ritz 7.35 The Tracey Ullman Show 8.00 News followed by One World, One Voice 10.15 Film: All My Sons 12.00 Close



RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
5.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Classic Albums: John Cougar Mellencamp talks to Roger Scott about his hit album The Lonesome Jubilee 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Soul Train 8.15 Billy Joel's Storm Front, live from Wembley Arena 10.45 Victor Lewis-Smith 11.15-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.00pm Peggy Lee: Dave Gelly celebrates her seventieth birthday 1.30 The News Huddlines 2.00 Robin Ray on Record 3.00 Marian Foster 4.45 Gordon Stewart at the console of the Willis Organ in Huddersfield Town Hall 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 Pop Score 6.00 A Salute to Jerome Kern 7.00 String Sound 7.30 The Musical World of Lorna Dallas (new series) 8.30 Stuart Burrows Sings (new series) 9.30 Thanks for the Memory 10.05 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Stars of the Sixties: Bruce Johnston 1.00-4.00 Nightride
MW as above except: 1.30-6.00pm Sport on 2

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
5.00am News 5.09 24 Hours 5.30 Londres Matin 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.39 Sports Roundup 9.45 Worldbrief 10.01 Here's Humph 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 Midi Magazine 11.00 News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Sportsworld 2.01 Sportsworld (cont) 2.45 News 2.55 Sportsworld (cont) 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 BBC English 3.30 Heute Aktuell 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Londres Soir 5.15 The Dancing Fiddles 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 German Features 6.54 Nachrichten 7.01 Opera of the Week 7.45 From the Weeklies 8.00 News 8.09 From Our Own Correspondent 8.30 Meridian 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 The Dancing Fiddles 9.30 Preservation or Progress 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Words of Faith 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 A Jolly Good Show 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: Who Wrote Horseback Hall 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Newsreel 2.30 Talking Issue 2.59 Weather 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 *From Our Own Correspondent* 3.30 Personal View 3.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau 4.00 German Features 4.35 News in German, Headlines in English and French 4.47 Press Review 4.52 Financial News 4.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Donizetti (Ballet Music from The Siege of Calais: Philharmonia under Antonio de Almeida); Ravel (La Valse: Martha Argerich and Nelson Freire, pianos); Tchaikovsky, arr Stravinsky (Pas-de-Deux, Blue Bird "Sleeping Beauty": SNO *under Neeme Järvi*)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Handel (Concerto grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 2: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Granados (Valses poeticos: Julian Bream, guitar); Franz Danzi (Wind Quintet in B flat, Op 56 No 1: Vega String Quartet); Mozart (Serenata Notturna, K 239: Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra under Rolla)
8.30 News
8.35 Ulster Orchestra under Ronald Corp, led by Paul Willey, with Richard Markham and David Nettle, two pianos, performs Frank Martin (Ouverture en hommage à Mozart); Villa Lobos (*Sinfonietta No 1*), Ibert (Hommage à Mozart); Poulenc (Concerto for two pianos and orchestra)
9.30 Saturday Review with Richard Osborne. Record Review — Building a Library. Lionel Salter on Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice; new song discs with Alan Blyth 10.40 Record Release: Schubert (Das Fischermadchen: Am Meer; Die Stadt; Der Doppelganger; Ihr Bild; Der Atlas "Schwanengesang": Olaf Bär, baritone, Geoffrey Parsons, piano); Mozart (Sinfonia concertante in E flat, K 364: Prades Festival Orchestra under Casals, with Joseph and Lillian Fuchs, violins); Mahler (Der Abschied "Das Lied von der Erde": Brigitte Fassbaender, mezzo, Cyprien Katsaris, piano); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz, Vienna Blood: Vienna PO under Mehta); Chopin (Concerto No 1 in E minor, Op 11: Israel PO under Zubin Mehta)
1.00pm News
1.05 Words. Free. The second of four reflections on language by Ted Honderich, Professor of Philosophy at University College, London
1.10 A Tribute to Henry Purcell (new series): Four programmes. Purcell Quartet performs a concert of trio sonatas and suites, pavans and voluntaries, sacred songs and ditties
2.25 Gothenburg SO under Neeme Järvi, with Cho-Liang Lin, violin, performs Arvo Part (Symphony No 3); Mendelssohn (Concerto in E minor, Op 64); 3.15 Neeme *Järvi talks to David Nice* 3.35 Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D, Op 43)
4.30 Début: The pianist Philip Hosford performs Taneyev (*Prelude and Fugue in G sharp minor*, Op 29); Borodin (Scherzo in A flat; Two movements from the Petite Suite); Lyadov (Une tabatière à musique, Op 32); Lyapunov (Lesghinka).
5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: Richard Mayne, in the chair, with Ronald Hayman, Peter Kemp and Gillian Tindall, discuss Walter Hill's film *Johnny Handsome*; *Homeland*, Ken Blakeson's radio play on Radio 4 today; *20th-Century Modern Masters from the Gelman Collection* at the Royal Academy; *Desire* by David Lan at the Almeida Theatre, Islington; and *Becoming a Poet* by David Kalstone
6.35 Steven de Groote: The pianist performs Haydn (Andante with Variations in F minor, H XVII 6); Schubert (Four Impromptus, D 935) (r)
7.30 Alcina. Chorus of the Grand Théâtre, Geneva; Suisse Romande Orchestra under Christie, with Arleen Augér, soprano, as Alcina a sorceress; Donna Brown, soprano, as Morgana, her sister; Jorge Lopez-Yanes, tenor, as Oronte, her general, *perform Handel's opera in* which a sorceress makes Christian knights fall in love with her
11.00 Studio 3: Rabbit Man, by Mel Calman. Ron (Jim Broadbent) is a London taxi driver. As if that wasn't bad enough, he wakes up one morning to find he has grown rabbit ears, and discovers his neighbours' prejudices . . . With John Moffatt as Gentleman in taxi, Maggie McCarth as Myrtle, David Goudge as Doctor, Carolyn Backhouse as Jennie, Ken Campbell as Harry, Melinda Walker as Angela and Susan Sheridan as Audrey (r)
11.35 Boccherini :Quintet in E minor, G 415: Les Adieux — Andreas Staier, fortepiano, Mary Utiger and Paula Kibildis, violins, Hajo Bäss, viola, Christina Kyprianides, cello)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am *Shipping Forecast 6.00* News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, *7.30, 8.00, 8.30* News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and travel news presented by Bernard Falk with travel expert Nigel Coombs
10.00 News; Loose Ends: With Ned Sherrin and guests Richard Jobson, Arthur Smith and Emma Freud (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster with Robin Oakley, political editor of *The Times*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm The News Quiz: Chairman Barry Took and *Simon Hoggart with guests* Michael Buerk and Mark Steyn (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan *Dimbleby in* Ely, Cambridgeshire, with Lady Hollis, Neil McIntosh, director of Voluntary Services Overseas; Local Government Minister Michael Portillo, MP; and Joanna Foster (r)
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls on issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Homeland: Play by Ken Blakeson. A judge retires to a home for the elderly only to find he is haunted by memories of the past. Starring Michael Hordern (s) *(r)*
4.00 The Living World: Lough Erne, in Northern Ireland divides Co. Fermanagh in two. Shane Wolsey cruises along the lower Lough, which runs for 26 miles to the Atlantic, visiting islands in search of birds and wild flowers
4.30 Science Now with Peter Evans
4.30 Options: When in France (FM only):
● In this enjoyably helpful new series, the BBC sends two actors — one British, one French — to Paris for a week to wine, dine and generally hob-nob with Parisians so that, through them, armchair tourists will know how to cope with Paris when *their* turn comes. Polly James is a good, eager, *pupil, and Olivier Pierre* a patient teacher (although he doesn't always respond to James's pleas to "parlez plus lentement"). In part one: hand *shaking, kissing, booking a* hotel room, a ride on the Métro, and when to say "vous" not "tu".
5.00 On the Ropes (new series) John Humphrys talks to four people who have weathered major storms in their careers. Part 1: Derek Hatton (r)
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News, Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson listens-in to conversations in pubs and clubs around the country
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: The *Eagle Has Landed*, by Jack Higgins, adapted by Peter Mackie. After the rescue of Mussolini from Gran Sasso, Hitler plans to abduct *Churchill from England*. Starring Michael Fitzgerald as Steiner and Ian Hogg as Radl (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten. Led by Rev Eddie Neale (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind: Edward Mortimer visits Germany to assess *the* changes that have taken place there recently and considers what might happen in the future
10.45 An Inland Donkey (new series): The Virgins of Cologne. In the first of four *talks*, David Bean *explores the* waterways of Northern France with Robert Louis Stevenson as his guide
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Edward Heath, MP, about his musical career and enthusiasms (s) (r)
11.30 At Home with the Hardys: Part 3 Vorsprung durch Picnik. Six comedy programmes, with Kit Hollerbach, Jeremy Hardy, and Paul B. Davies (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

FM as LW except:
1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-4.30 Options: 4.30 When in France (new series) 5.00 Get Writing 5.30 Speak for Yourself

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman: *All For One* 12.00 The Silk Roads of the Sea: Indonesia — Allah Crosses the Sea 1.00pm Black Sheep Squadron: *Anyone for Suicide* 2.00 Wrestling Challenge 3.00 The Incredible Hulk: *Of Guilt, Models and Murders* 4.00 Chopper Squad: *Cliff Hanger* 5.00 The Love Boat 6.00 Film: Lucky Me. Starring Doris Day 8.00 Film: Night Train to Munich. Starring Margaret Lockwood 10.00 Superstars of Wrestling *11.00* Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Untouchables

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
5.30am Motor Sports News 6.30 Newsline 7.30 Beyond 2000 8.30 Frank Bough This Week 9.30 Roving Report 10.30 Motor Sports News 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm Fashion TV 1.30 Roving Report 2.30 Motor Sports News 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30 Fashion TV 7.30 Roving Report 9.30 Our World 10.30 Entertainment This Week 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Best of Target *1.30 Motor Sports News 2.30* Entertainment This Week 3.30 Those Were the Days 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 6.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Jungle Raiders (1984): All-action escapade about a jungle explorer on a mission to locate a priceless ruby. Starring Lee Van Cleef and Christopher Connelly
4.00 Carry On up the Khyber (1968): Another riotous escapade with the usual *Carry On* stars, including Kenneth Williams, Sid James and Barbara Windsor
6.00 Off Beat (1986): *Judge Reinhold stars* as a librarian who stands in for a cop friend on his beat, leading to an entanglement with female cop Meg Tilly
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Big Shots (1988): Two kids from opposite sides of the track team up after one is mugged
8.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 The Running Man (1987): Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as a contestant on a futuristic gameshow where the prize is his life. Starring Maria Conchita Alonso and Yaphet Kotto
12.00 The Big Town (1987): Matt Dillon stars as a small-town gambler who is persuaded to travel to Chicago to play the high rollers. Starring Diane Lane and Tommy Lee Jones
2.00am Nightflyers (1987): A dangerous force out in space is wreaking havoc among scientists aboard a spaceship. Starring Catherine Mary Stewart and Michael Praed
4.00 Caddyshack (1980): Comedy, starring Bill Murray as a greenskeeper trying to eliminate a pesky gopher, and Chevy Chase and Rodney Dangerfield as two yuppies out on a golfing weekend. Ends at 5.35

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 9.00 BMX 9.30 Motor Racing 10.00 Basketball 11.30 Australian Rules Football 12.30pm World Cup Preview 1.30 Eurosport Live: Gymnastics — Men's European Championships. Motor Racing; Golf — *Volvo PGA Championship 6.00* Monster Trucks 7.00 Boxing 8.30 Motor Racing 9.00 Basketball 10.30 World Cup Preview 11.00 Tennis 12.30am Golf. Volvo PGA Championship

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports Special 8.00 Ice Hockey 10.30 Motor Sport: Indy Time Trials 12.30pm Motor Racing: Formula 3000, from Silverstone 1.30 Motor Sport 2.30 Horse Racing: Preakness Stakes 3.00 TV Sport 3.30 Horse Racing: One Thousand Guineas Curragh 4.00 Motor Sport: Screensport Update 6.00 Powersports International 6.55 International Football: Yugoslavia v Spain 9.00 Motor Racing 10.00 Tenpin Bowling 10.45 US Professional Boxing 12.15am Spain Spain Sport 1.00 Ice Hockey 4.30 Motor Sport

MTV

Twenty four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Radar Men from the Moon 12.30pm Ensign O'Toole 1.00 *Zorro* 1.30am One Step Beyond 2.00 Championship Rodeo 2.45 Video Review Show 3.00 Wrestling *4.00 The Edge of Night 6.00 Sell-a-Vision* Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All films are followed by News and weather
11.30am Never Steal Anything Small (1959): Off-beat musical comedy-drama, starring James Cagney as an unscrupulous waterfront union racketeer. Directed by Charles Lederer
1.20pm Sunrise at Campobello (1960): Ralph Bellamy is US President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a biopic about his early struggle against polio
*4.05 Surrender (1987): Follows the court*ship of novelist Michael Caine and painter Sally Field
6.00 Salsa (1988): Starring Bobby Rosa and Barry Bostwick in this Hispanic version of *Dirty Dancing*. Rico, a young Puerto Rican mechanic aims to be Salsa king, but his two-timing ways threaten his relationship with his girlfriend
8.00 Emma: Queen of the South Seas, part two (1987): Historical drama about the life of Emma Eliza Coe, a 19th-century Samoan princess who was renowned for her beauty. Starring Barbara Carrera
10.00 Withnail and I (1987): Paul McGann and Richard E. Grant are the perfect pair of slumming actors whose weekend break at an uncle's cottage has disastrous, if not quite *hilarious results*
11.50 Five Easy Pieces (1970): Jack Nicholson stars in this character study of a gifted musician who gives up a promising career to work on an oil rig. With Karen Black and Susan Anspach. Directed by Bob Rafelson
1.40am Instant Justice (1987): Michael Pare as a young marine who resigns his commission to track down the killers of his sister in Spain. Ends at 3.25am

GALAXY

7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Re-Mix 9.00 The Galaxy Club Show 12.00 Jupiter Moon *1.30pm Dr Who 2.00 Cool Cube 5.00* Grange Hill 5.30 Kids' Court 6.00 The Goodies 6.30 Till Death Us Do Part 7.00 Maude 7.30 Intellect 8.00 Nightingales 9.00 Hill Street Blues 10.00 Jools Holland's Happening 11.30 Naked City 12.30am The Repeatable Up Yer News 1.00 Film: Joe Dancer — Monkey Mission

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

9.30am Sportsdesk 10.00 Inside the PGA Tour 10.30 Texaco One-Day International 12.00 Australian Rugby League 1.25pm Sportsdesk 2.00 Tennis 5.00 US Wrestling 6.30 On Two Wheels 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 The Main Event — Tennis 9.00 Volvo PGA Tour *10.00* Racing Today *10.30* Sportsdesk *11.00* Boxing. Fight of the Week 12.00 Sportsdesk

NOW

10.00am High Street 12.00 It's a Wrap 1.00pm First Edition 2.00 Front of House 2.30 Encore: Il Matrimonio Segreto 5.20 Classic Choice 7.30 Bravo! 8.00 Performance: Manon/The Royal Ballet 10.15 Fontenay Trio in Concert

THE POWER STATION

10.00am Sixteen hours of rock and pop

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BBC 1

6.45 Open University

8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Making Sense of Evil. Religion in the modern world (r)

9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's home in Bangor, Co Down

10.00 Bazaar. Magazine series (r) 10.25 Take Nobody's Word for It. Science with the family in mind (r)

10.50 Business Matters: Special programme focusing on the European market (r) 11.15 Women Mean Business (r). (Ceefax)

11.40 Step Up to Wordpower. Helping adults with reading and writing skills. (Ceefax). Wales: The Flying Doctors 12.05 Sign Extra. An edition of the education programme *Clean Slate* adapted for the hearing impaired

12.30 Country File. Considers the largest survey ever carried out on the British countryside. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather.

1.00 News with Moira Stuart. Followed by *On the Record*. Jonathan Dimbleby talks to Tony Blair about Labour's policy on trade unions and how they would be affected if Labour returned to power

2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Film: Taras Bulba (1962) starring Yul Brynner and Tony Curtis. Standard Hollywood treatment of the violent story of the 16th-century Cossack warrior and his rebellious son. Impressively shot in Argentina with some striking action sequences. Directed by J. Lee Thompson. (Ceefax). Wales: Film: The Left Hand of God 4.25 Youth Session

5.05 All Our Children. Religion plays an important role in many societies and in some it is the key issue. While some children have time to consider all the options available to them, others are often forced into making early decisions that will affect them for the rest of their lives. This programme, narrated by Dame Judi Dench, looks at how children adapt to their religious beliefs in different cultures. (Ceefax)

5.55 Head over Heels. New series looking at women in a man's world. Drug smuggling is the fastest-growing crime among women, although many may not know that the substance they have been asked to carry through customs is illegal. Lucy Pilkington and Susan Rae speak to a number of women convicted of this crime. (Ceefax)

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

6.40 Praise Be!. A selection of favourite hymns from the last series of *Songs of Praise*. Presented by Thora Hird, with guest John Cole, the BBC's Political Editor. (Ceefax)

7.15 All Creatures Great and Small. Robert Hardy's Siegfried takes centre stage in the long-running story of animal folk, trying to put his daughter off becoming a vet by showing her how tough it can be. (r)

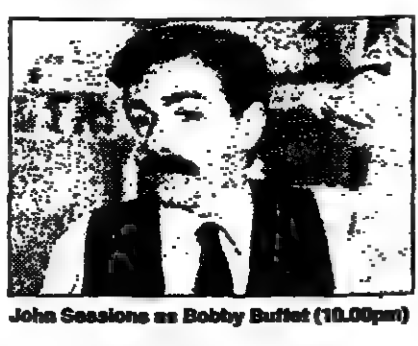
8.05 Blackadder II. Continuing his irreverent march through British history, Rowan Atkinson's Lord Blackadder finds himself in 1561 and risking the loss of his head. More cult comedy from Richard Curtis and Ben Elton, tending either to convulse or leave cold with no shades of grey. Miranda Richardson as Elizabeth I.(r)

8.35 Mastermind. The third semi-final of this challenging competition. The specialist subjects are the life and works of James Brindley, the novels of Kurt Vonnegut, the life and reign of Louis XIV and the history of Test cricket since 1877

9.05 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather

9.20 That's Life!. Consumer affairs investigated by Esther Rantzen and her team

10.00 Single Voices: Some Enchanted Evening.
● Written and performed by John Sessions, this is the far from enchanted tale of an American musical director who helps to bring a Broadway show to London and probably wishes he had stayed at home. Put up in a shabby hotel with no piano on which to rewrite the numbers, he is saddled with a leading lady who's never heard of him and cannot sing or act. He finds private solace of a sort, but it is not the relationship he would have chosen. The point of the anecdote, beyond evoking a general paranoia, seems a little obscure. At times you almost feel that Sessions had devised the piece to have a go at Anthony Newley, who is obviously not a favourite performer. But Sessions is consistently watchable and his script is encrusted with dazzling pieces of word-play which challenge the viewer to remain attentive. (Ceefax)


John Sessions as Bobby Buffet (10.00pm)

10.30 Everyman: Facing the Book. Interesting documentary in which eight people are instructed to live in a large, remote house in Cumbria. Filmed during Ramadan, three of the eight are devout Muslims and three believers in freedom of expression. Through debates initiated by John Heron, the eight discuss the ideas of religion and the freedom of writers. Northern Ireland: The Championship

11.10 Borderlines. Malcolm Bradbury travels to the *Sunday Times* Hay-on-Wye Festival of Literature. Northern Ireland: 11.20 Everyman

11.50 Woman Mean Business. In the last of the series, Glenda Jackson talks to women who have started their own businesses. Northern Ireland 12.00 Borderlines

12.15am Mahabharat: Dramatized version of the epic Indian poem (r)

12.55 Weather. Northern Ireland: 12.40

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am

8.00 Anne Diamond on Sunday begins with News and includes guests Anthony Holden and Carol Thatcher reviewing the newspapers

9.25 Film: The Wild Country, part two (1970) starring Vera Miles, Steve Forrest and Jack Elam. The story of a family who make a new home on a farm in 1880s Wyoming, where they find the natural hazards far less daunting than their new neighbours. Directed by Robert Totten.

10.15 The Campbells. Canadian adventures of a pioneering Scottish family

10.45 Link: Valerie — Guilty Until Proven Innocent? Valerie Hodgson, who is severely mentally handicapped, spent two years in custody having confessed to her father's murder. Only when the true killer was found was Valerie released. Today's *Link* asks whether the police should receive special training in order to help them handle cases such as Valerie's

11.00 Morning Worship from the Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

12.00 Visions. Nick Stuart and Michaela Strachan bring you the latest news on religious topics from around the world

12.30 The Care Bears. Overly-cute cartoon series 12.40 Police 5. Shaw Taylor asks for information about local crimes 12.55 LWT News and weather

1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

1.10 Film: Inspector Clouseau (1968) starring Alan Arkin, Patrick Cargill and Frank Finlay. Peter Sellers is sadly missing from this comedy in which Scotland Yard calls on a bumbling French detective to help in the search for the loot from the Great Train Robbery. Directed by Bud Yorkin

3.00 Princess Daisy. Stacy Keach, Lindsay Wagner and Claudia Cardinale star in this glossy saga of a Russian prince and his American film star wife, whose charmed lives are shattered by the birth of twin daughters, one of whom is brain-damaged. The handicapped girl is hidden away in a home, leaving her sister, the Daisy of the title, to take centre stage and cope with all the problems of life among the jet set (r) 6.00 Cartoon Time.

6.15 Brave New Wilderness: Acid Tests. Although two centuries of industrialization have proved harmful for certain plants and animals, not all problems can be attributed to industry.

6.45 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 6.55 LWT News and weather

7.00 ITV Telethon 90: The Preamble. Michael Aspel is the anchorman for this 27-hour fund-raising extravaganza, which hopes to have viewers digging deep into their pockets and making free with their credit cards in order to raise millions of pounds for a wide range of charities. Hundreds of unusual, breathtaking or simply ridiculous events are taking place across the country, many of which will be seen on screen in the course of the programme. The Prince of Wales, patron of the Telethon Trust, explains some of the aims of this marathon charity event which is being supported by celebrities such as Cilla Black, Paul Young, Frank Bruno, Duncan Goodhew and Chris de Burgh. Throughout the programme there will be updates on how much cash has been pledged by viewers NB: the regions will also be showing local fund-raising events throughout the Telethon duration

8.00 ITV Telethon 90: Sunday Evening. Headlining this section of Telethon are the cast of the ITV series *London's Burning*, backed somewhat incongruously by Alyn Ainsworth and his Orchestra. Plus an appearance by the regulars of the Rovers Return, previewing tomorrow's special edition of *Coronation Street*

10.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

10.15 ITV Telethon 90: Sunday Late. With three hours down and 24 to go, Chris Tarrant puts in an appearance, asking the questions in a quiz game with a difference. The entertainment continues with comedy from the multi-talented Victoria Wood and from the masters of the latex lampoon, Spitting Image

12.00 ITV Telethon 90: Through the Night. The Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra gets Monday off to a rousing start and there is more music from the 1970s favourites Mud and the Rubettes, plus all the fun of a pyjama party in Bristol

BBC 2

6.35 Open University

12.00 Westminster Week 12.35 Around Westminster. Wales: Sign Extra; Northern Ireland: A Taste of Ireland

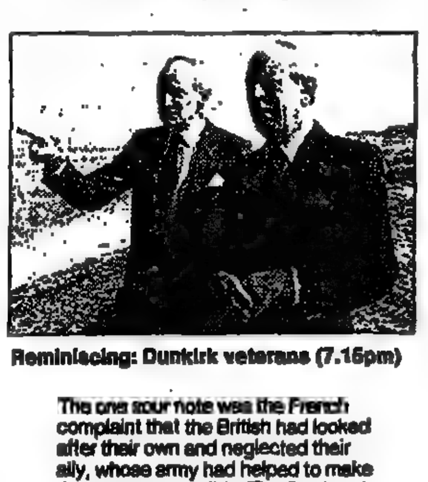
1.00 Ecology: Ancient Woodland (r)

1.25 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.30 and 4.30 Golf: the Volvo PGA championship from Wentworth 2.00 Water Skiing: the *Carlsberg European Masters from Lincoln* 2.25 Motor Racing: the Monaco Grand Prix from Monte Carlo 6.00 Motor Racing: the British Formula 3 championships from Brands Hatch. Wales: 2.00-2.25 and 4.30-6.35 Cricket: Glamorgan v Lancashire

6.35 The Money Programme: Private Lines. Has British Telecom's domination really been challenged since privatization?

7.15 Timewatch Special: Dunkirk 1940 — The Great Escape.
● The 50th anniversary of Dunkirk is the occasion for this documentary by Derek Towers which may not offer any startling new angles but is a model of what can be done with the television staples of personal reminiscence and archive film. The programme is sub-titled *The Great Escape* and reinforces the notion that if the evacuation was born of defeat, the rescue of some 340,000 men against the odds was a considerable triumph. There was luck with the weather, which produced a calm sea for a whole week, but otherwise the success of the operation rested on courage and organization.

The one sour note was the French complaint that the British had looked after their own and neglected their ally, whose army had helped to make the getaway possible. The first-hand accounts are effectively set against contemporary news footage, including the view from a German bomber as it moves spectacularly over its target. (Ceefax)


Reminiscing: Dunkirk veterans (7.15pm)

8.05 Soviet Music: Think Today, Speak Tomorrow. The first of four documentaries about the state of music in the Soviet Union. Barrie Gavin's film charts the long struggles by composers to escape the old ideological orthodoxy and find a new musical language for the country's changing political climate.

9.05 The Ten Commandments. The fourth in the series of potent dramas by the Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski. A young girl has to assess her relationship with her father after discovering a letter from her late mother. Is his love for her the same as it was a few years ago, or has it changed in some sinister way? Starring Adrianna Biedrzynska. English subtitles

10.00 Grand Prix. Highlights of this afternoon's Monaco Grand Prix

10.35 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces *Goin' South* (1978). Jack Nicholson directs himself and Mary Steenburgen in a lighthearted Western in which a young man is sentenced to be hanged, but is saved thanks to a decree prompted by the Civil War. Due to the number of men lost, any unattached woman can save a condemned man if she wants him for her husband and she has property. The property turns out to be a threatened ranch. A diverting film, but with no real motivation. (Ceefax). Ends at 12.25am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Loads More Muck and Magic (r). (Oracle) 7.30 Bright Sparks. Children's science series 8.00 Early Bird. For eight to 12-year-olds 8.30 David the Gnome 9.00 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors

9.25 Movie Mahal. The first of three programmes on Nashaud, India's leading music director (r)

10.00 A Week in Politics includes Labour MP Frank Dobson talking about his party's new policy review

11.00 Go for It. Entertainment for children with special needs (r). (Oracle)

11.30 Gophers! The soap opera with a cast of furry characters (r) 12.00 The Waltons. Wholesome American drama which gives a rose-tinted view of life during the Depression 1.00 Land of the Giants. Cult science fiction classic from the 1960s

2.00 Film: The Black Swan (1942) starring Tyrone Power, George Sanders and Maureen O'Hara. Swashbuckling drama which sees reformed pirate Henry Morgan setting out to rid the Caribbean of rampaging buccaneers. Directed by Henry King.

3.35 Crime Does Not Pay: Phantoms Inc (1945, b/w) starring Frank Reicher and Ann Shoemaker. A fake medium makes a living by helping people to "contact" their dead friends and relatives. Directed by Harold Young

3.55 Testament: Paradise Lost. John Romer examines whether our attitude towards the Bible has changed over the past 600 years (r)

4.55 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w) with guests Peggy Lee and Julius La Rosa

5.25 News summary and weather

5.30 Beach Volleyball. Coverage of the final of the pro-beach volleyball world championships in Rio de Janeiro

6.30 The Wonder Years. Touching comedy drama focusing on the traumas of American suburban adolescents growing up in the 1960s

7.00 Fragile Earth: Earth First.
● The BBC's *One World* environmental extravaganza must have tempted Channel 4 to retort that it has been covering the subject just as effectively but with a fraction of the fuss for the past several weeks. The *Fragile Earth* series has maintained a consistently high standard and has not been afraid to take sides. Tonight's film is from Australia and charts a successful 10-year battle by conservationists to save the Daintree rainforest in Queensland. Their tactics were deliberately provocative and designed to grab the headlines. Protesters sat down in front of bulldozers and buried themselves up to the neck in red mud, knowing they would have a good chance of making the television news. It seemed to work. Public opinion was mobilized and the politicians were unable to stay aloof. The film is an unashamed victory celebration

8.00 Dors — The Other Diana.
● What other Diana was there, you may ask? Her professional career, from her first precocious appearance on screen at the age of 14 to her last in Joseph Losey's *Steaming*, lives on in celluloid. Her private life was hardly private, and she made little effort to keep it so. Essentially, she was what she seemed: a modest if ill-used actress but an undeniable personality who became far better known for what she was — an ersatz Marilyn Monroe turned bawdy earth mother — than what she achieved. Tony Bilbow's clips-and-interview biography still offers interesting glosses. One is about her fascination with the underworld, which supplied several of her many lovers and brought a wreath from the Kray twins at her funeral. One of her sons tells of how he hid her make-up and jewellery to prevent her going out and leaving him. She was hardly the model parent. Her uninhibited promotion of her sexuality may have been outrageous in the 1950s but would hardly raise a stir now. As Bob Monkhouse puts it: "She had a low threshold of boredom"


Diana Dors in *Yield to the Night* (10.00pm)

9.00 The Manageress. The final episode of Stan Hey's excellent football drama, starring Cherie Lunghi as the woman in charge of a Second Division team. As the season ends, promotion is within reach. (Oracle)

10.00 Film: Yield to the Night (1956, b/w) Diana Dors giving one of her best screen performances in a powerful drama about a condemned murderess, loosely based on the Ruth Ellis case. With Yvonne Mitchell and Michael Craig. Directed by J. Lee Thompson

11.55 Film: Finyé (The Wind) (1982) starring Fousseyni Sissoko, Goundo Guisse and Balla Moussa Keita. The strict military regime in Mali provides the backdrop for this drama which begins as a love story about two students. Initially the pair simply defy their disapproving parents, but later they become caught up in campus protests demanding a more democratic form of government. Directed by Souleymane Cisse Ends at 1.45am

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 6.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops with Alan Freeman 3.00 Pop at the Foam 3.30 Phillip Schofield 5.00 Top 40 with Bruno Brookes 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am Bob Harris on Sunday

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW 4.00am David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies For You 11.00 Your Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Tea at Claridge's 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester marks the fiftieth anniversary of Dunkirk 7.00 The Mountbatten Festival of Music 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.05 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Sounds of the Fifties 1.00-4.00 Nightride MW as above except: 2.00-7.00pm Sunday Sport on 2

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 5.00am World News 5.09 24 Hours Live 5.30 Londres Matin 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Book Choice 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Tech Talk 9.30 Financial Review 9.40 Book Choice 9.45 Short Story: Grandfather's Secret Room 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Science in Action 10.30 Midi Magazine 10.59 Travel News 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Play of the Week: Who Wrote Horseback Hall 1.00pm News and 24 Hours on Sunday Live 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Russia, the Drive to Empire 2.30 Anything Goes 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 BBC English 3.30 Nachrichten 3.40 German Features 3.59 Travel News 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Londres Soir 5.14 News Headlines in English 5.15 Club 648 5.30 Nachrichten 5.40 German Features 6.54 Nachrichten 7.00 Play of the Week: Who Wrote Horseback Hall 8.00 World News 8.09 Personal View 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Round Britain Quiz 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Words of Faith 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Russia, the Drive to Empire 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am In Praise of God 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Opera of the Week 1.45 On the Record 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Newsreel 2.30 Science in Action 2.59 Weather 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Letter from America 4.00 Morgenmagazin 4.35 News in German 4.45 Headlines in English and French 4.47 Press Review 4.52 The Week on 648 4.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather

7.00 Bach's 48 — Book 1: Bach (Preludes and Fugues Nos 9 and 10: Glenn Gould, piano); Wilhelm van Wassenaer (Concerto in F minor: Camerata Bern under Füri); Bach (Preludes and Fugues Nos 11 and 12)

7.30 News

7.35 Bruno Walter: Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydn); Schubert (Entr'acte in B flat "Rosamunde": Columbia SO); Mahler (Um Mitternacht from Fünf Rückert Lieder: Vienna PO); Strauss (Tod und Verklärung: New York PO)

8.30 News

8.35 Your Concert Choice: Berlioz (Overture, Les Francs-Juges: Chicago SO); Haydn (Violin Concerto in C: European Community CO); Martin (Mass for two unaccompanied choirs: Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, under Stephen Darlington); Roy Harris (Symphony No 3: New York PO under Bernstein); Novák (Slovak Suite: Czech PO under Vajnar)

10.30 Music Weekly with Michael Oliver Four Miserable Fiddlers: Mahler considered this to be not enough for a Beethoven Quartet. A Trombone for All Seasons: Christian Lindberg explains why he considers it the best solo instrument. History Hits the Present: Volume II of the *New Grove Performance Practice Handbooks* is reviewed by Nicholas Kenyon

11.15 BBC SO in Tokyo under Andrew Davis performs Michael Tippett (Midsummer Marriage, Ritual Dances for orchestra); Henri Dutilleux (Cello Concerto "Tout un monde lointain"); Igor Stravinsky (Rite of Spring)

1.15pm Schumann and Brahms Songs: Olaf Bär, baritone, Geoffrey Parsons, piano, perform Schumann (Kernerlieder, Op 35), Brahms (German Folksongs: Wach' auf mein' Herzensschöne; All' mein' Gedanken; Mein Mädel hat einen Rosenmund; Wo gehst du hin, du Stolze?; Ich stand auf hohem Berge; Ich weiss mir'n Maidlein; Da unten im Tale

2.20 EBU Concert Season: On the 150th anniversary of Paganini's death, RAI Rome SO under Gabriele Ferro performs Paganini (Violin Concerto No 1 in D, Op 6); Prokofiev (Ballet Suite, Chout), incl 3.00 Interval Reading

3.50 Greek Piano Music: The pianist Christodoulos Georgiades performs Constantinidis (Book 3 Nos 41-44 "44 Children's Pieces on Greek Folk-Themes"); Skalkottas (Sonatina, 1927 — first UK broadcast); Hadjidakis (For a Little White Seashell "Preludes and Dances, Op 1")

4.25 English Concert under Trevor Pinnock performs Boyce (Symphony No 2 in A); Haydn (Symphony No 49 in F minor "La Passione")

5.00 Celebrity Recital: From this year's Brighton Festival. Karine Georgian, cello, Clifford Benson, piano, perform Debussy (Sonata); Kodály (Sonata, Op 4); Brahms (Sonata No 1 in E minor, Op 38); Martinů (Variations on a Theme of Rossini)

6.15 The Sympathetic Imagination: Scottish Poets of the Second World War. Joy Hendry talks to Hamish Henderson, Sorley MacLean and others

7.05 Hallé Orchestra under George Benjamin performs Ravel (Suite, Mother Goose), Sibelius (Luonnotar, Op 70); Benjamin (Ringed by the Flat Horizon); Benjamin (A Mind of Winter); Scriabin (Poem of Ecstasy, Op 54), incl 8.00 Interval Reading

8.40 Australian Connections: The first of two programmes, played and introduced by the pianist Penelope Thwaites. Arnold Bax (A Hill Tune); Margaret Sutherland (Sonatina), Doreen le Gallienne (Nocturne); Gordon Jacob (Toccatina); Constant Lambert (Elegaic Blues); Arthur Benjamin (Scherzino), Dowland, arr Grainger (Now, O Now I Needs Must Part)

9.10 All the World's a Globe: The fifth instalment of the comic history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War

9.25 Eliot Fisk: In the first of two programmes, the guitarist plays Sor (Introduction and Variations on Mozart's O cara armonia, Op 9); Maw (Music of Memory); Paganini (Caprices: in E, Op 1 No 9 and in A minor, Op 1 No 24)

10.05 Third Ear (r)

10.30 Gazing Up to Heaven: A celebration of Christ's Ascension, recorded in the Chapel of Eton College, with music by Francis Grier

11.30 A Kirkman Fortepiano: Kenneth Mobbs performs Haydn (Variations in C, H XVII 5); Pinto (Sonata in C minor)

12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather

7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers

7.15 The Living World: Shane Wolsey explores Lough Erne in Northern Ireland (r)

7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal by Jan Leeming on behalf of Fight for Sight Special Appeal, an organization working to redevelop the Institute of Opthalmology 8.55 Weather

9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter From America (r)

9.30 Morning Service from Beckenham Parish Church

10.15 The Archers omnibus edition

11.15 News Stand: Andrew Rawnsley reviews the periodicals

11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)

12.15pm Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley with David Blunkett, MP (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Listeners' queries are answered by Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Sid Robertson. With Clay Jones in the chair

2.30 Tales My Father Taught Me: Play by Peter Terson. John Gielgud stars as Sir George Sitwell, an autocratic recluse, whose main preoccupations before the First World War were running the family estate at Renishaw, research into medieval pig-keeping, and making sure his son Osbert toed the line (s)

3.30 Still Pedalling Along:
● Delicious documentary about a veteran cycle rally. An auctioneer calls for an aspirin when the bidding for an 1890 Whippet reaches £6,900. There's a military BSA, complete with gas mask and a gun in its sling, and a 1902 Rudge with exquisite napkins and bone-china cups and saucers in its picnic basket. And there's the woman who claims that the cycle gave her sex much more freedom than the vote. The peg on which *Still Pedalling Along* hangs is the 150th anniversary of the invention of the pedal-operated bike by Kirkpatrick MacMillan (s)

4.00 News; 1940 — Dunkirk: Dr Christopher Andrew talks to Professor Norman Dixon, a military historian and psychologist, about the strategic mistakes made at Dunkirk, and introduces a selection of eye-witness reports, first broadcast 10 years ago (s)

5.00 News, Down Your Way: Phil Drabble visits Chatsworth, the home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire

5.40 English Now: David Crystal examines the creative use made of euphemisms (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News

6.15 Starting from Scratch (new series). Common-Sense Religion. Dr Colin Morris sets out the common-sense case for the Christian religion (1 of 6)

6.30 The Root of the Matter: Key issues affecting people all over Britain

7.00 News, Cat's Whiskers with Andy Crane

7.30 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde (r)

8.00 The Unforgiving Minute. A look at the physics, history and psychology of time (s)

9.00 News; Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen presents the children's book programme (r)

9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News

10.15 The Rime of the Bounty: A dramatized feature by Christopher Frayling, connecting romantic poets Wordsworth and Coleridge with the mutiny on the high seas which happened 200 years ago. With Martin Jarvis as Samuel Taylor Coleridge (r)

11.00 In Committee: The work of Parliament's Select Committees

11.30 Seeds of Faith: In the third of her programmes on racism and faith, Rebecca de Saintonge talks to Agnes Hofmeyr, an Englishwoman dedicated to racial reconciliation (s)

12.00 News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except: 7.00-8.00am Open University 7.00 Modern Art: Marxist Aesthetic 7.20 The Narrator in Middlemarch 7.40 Arts Foundation Course 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 5.50-5.55 Programme News

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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 1.10 Members Only 1.35 Off the Ball 2.35 Brave New Wilderness 3.05 Highway to Heaven 4.05 SOS Pacific 5.45 The Village Show 6.15-6.45 All Clued Up.

BORDER

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm California Highways 1.10 Film: Blondie 2.25 Brave New Wilderness 2.55 Film: Battlestar Galactica 5.15 Coronation Street 6.15-6.45 All Clued Up.

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Still Krays after all these Years 1.55 Family Theatre 2.55 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.15 Film: Half a Sixpence (Tommy Steele, Julia Foster) 5.45-6.15 All Clued Up.

CHANNEL

As London except: 12.35pm Les Français Chez-Vous 12.50-1.00 Cyril Fletcher's TV Garden 1.10 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends 1.40 Cartoon Time 1.55 A Place in the Sun 2.25 Highway to Heaven 3.25 Film: Nine Hours to Rama 5.45-6.15 All Clued Up.

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Granada This Week 1.10 Quincy 2.05 Richmond Hill 3.00 Brave New Wilderness 3.30 Film: The Double McGuffin 5.20 Bullseye 5.50-6.45 Coronation Street

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 People on Sunday 1.10 One Way to the Moon 2.00 Along the Cotswold Way 2.30 Hidden Hoard 3.00 Film: Darling Lili (Julie Andrews, Rock Hudson) 5.45 Brave New Wilderness 6.15-6.45 All Clued Up.

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-12.55 The Invisible Man 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.00 Schools from Wales.

SCOTTISH

As London except: 10.15am Pick a Number 10.45 Glen Michael's Cartoon Cavalcade 11.15 Link 11.30-12.00 Just Living 12.30-12.55 Am Fasach 1.10 Film: You're Only Young Twice (Duncan Macrae, Joseph Tomelty) 2.35 ITV Telethon: Money well Spent 3.35 Wee's Way 3.45 Bullseye 4.15 Aly Bain & Friends 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00 Road About Scotland 6.30-6.45 Wee's Way.

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming News 1.10 Pasta Al L'Italiana 1.40 McCloud 3.10 Katts and Dog 3.40 Film: Nine Hours to Rama 5.45 Brave New Wilderness 6.15-6.45 All Clued Up.

TVS

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Agenda 1.10 Huckleberry Finn and his Friends 1.40 Cartoon Time 1.55 A Place in the Sun 2.25 Highway to Heaven 3.25 Film: Nine Hours to Rama (Jose Ferrer, Horst Buchholz) 5.45-6.15 All Clued Up.

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 1.10 Film: Why Not Stay for Breakfast (George Chakiris, Gemma Craven) 3.00 Brave New Wilderness 3.30 Film: The Double McGuffin 5.20 Bullseye 5.50-6.45 Coronation Street Omnibus.

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Wild Goose Jack 2.00 Farming Ulster 2.30 Katts and Dog 3.00 Brave New Wilderness 3.30 Film: Gentle Giant (Dennis Weaver, Ralph Meeker) 5.20 Bullseye 5.50-6.45 Coronation Street.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm The Double Deckers 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 McCloud 3.00 Film: The Spirit of St Louis 5.35 Cartoon Time 5.45-6.15 All Clued Up.

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Early Morning 9.25 Movie Mahal 10.00 A Week in Politics 11.00 Go for It 11.30 Gophers! 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Bwrw Mlaen 1.20 Hanner Call 1.45 Movie Museum 2.00 Adventures 3.00 The Crystal Maze 4.00 Film: Farewell Again* 5.30 Beach Volleyball 6.30 Ether Symphony 6.40 Sain Steffan 7.00 O'Bedwar Ban 7.15 Rebecca 7.25 Newyddion 7.30 Margaret Williams 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Gwyl Teulu Duw 9.30 Cnoed 10.05 Y Duw Byw 10.15 Animation on 4 11.55 Film: Finye 1.45 Diwedd.

RTE 1

Starts: 10.20am Food — Fad or Fact? 10.45 Fairweather 11.15 Beyond 2000 12.00 Service 12.45 Little House on the Prairie 1.30 First Edition 2.00 Newsround 2.30 Room Outside 3.00 The Disney Hour 3.55 Film: They Got Me Covered 5.40 News 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Ins '90 6.35 The Cosby Show 7.05 Murder, She Wrote: The Error of Her Ways 8.00 The Arlo Guthrie Show 9.00 News 9.20 Big Country 10.20 Hanly's People 10.50 Film: The Train Robbers 12.30am News 12.35 Close.

NETWORK 2

Starts: 10.15am Spartacus and the Sun Beneath the Sea 10.40 Land of the Giants 11.30 The Beat Box 1.30 Sesame Street 2.30 Festival: Falstaff from the Salzburg Festival 5.00 Welcome in Vienna 6.00 Zeno 6.25 Survival 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Newsweek 7.30 Marco 8.00 News followed by Inspector Morse 10.00 The Sunday Game 11.00 The Johnny Otis Show 12.05am Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 Superstars of Wrestling 1.00pm Refuge Assurance Cricket. Leicester v Somerset 6.00 Family Ties: My Name Is Alex, part one 6.30 The Secret Video Show 7.00 21 Jump Street: Cory and Dean Got Married 8.00 Murder in Texas: A two-part mini series, in which Farrah Fawcett stars as the possibly murdered wife of plastic surgeon John Hill. Co-stars Sam Elliot 10.00 Entertainment This Week 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Big Valley: The Velvet Trap

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.30am The Best of Target 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 Our World 8.30 Those Were the Days. 9.30 Entertainment This Week — Part Two 10.30 World Alive 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm The Editors 1.30 Those Were the Days 2.30 The Lords 3.30 Our World 4.30 World Alive 5.30 Entertainment This Week — Part Two 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 Cops 8.30 Those Were the Days 9.30 The Editors 10.30 World Alive 11.30 Cops 12.30am Those Were the Days. 1.30 The Editors 2.30 Entertainment This Week — Part Two 3.30 Those Were the Days 4.30 Cops

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm Revolution (1985): Hugh Hudson's epic account of the American revolution, seen through the eyes of a fur trapper, played by Al Pacino. Co-starring Nastassja Kinski, Donald Sutherland, Joan Plowright, Annie Lennox and Steven Berkoff

4.15 City on Fire (1979): Henry Fonda stars in this disaster movie about an explosion in a chemical factory which threatens a nearby town. Co-stars Barry Newman, Ava Gardner and Shelly Winters

6.00 Legend (1985): Tom Cruise stars as a woodland dweller out to save Mia Sara from the clutches of Darkness himself. Tim Curry

7.40 Projector

8.00 Throw Momma from the Train (1987): Black comedy in which Danny DeVito and Billy Crystal star as struggling writers who swap murders to dispose of Crystal's wife and DeVito's mother

10.00 Three Amigos! (1986). Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short are the Three Amigos, movie stars who become real-life heroes

11.45 House of Games (1987): Lindsay Crouse stars as a psychologist who gets involved with quick-witted con-man Joe Mantegna

1.30 Native Son (1986): A black chauffeur is accused of murdering the daughter of a white family in this powerful 1940s-set drama. Starring Victor Love, Geraldine Page, Matt Dillon and Oprah Winfrey

4.00 Shattered Innocence (1988): A cheerleader's dreams of stardom turn sour when she is forced into prostitution and pornography. Starring Joanna Lee, Melinda Dillon and John Pleshette. Ends at 5.35

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 9.00 BMX 9.30 Motor Racing 10.00 Football: European Cup Final from Vienna, Austria — AC Milan v Benfica 12.00 Eurosport Live. Motor Cycling — 500cc Grand Prix from Hockenheim, West Germany, Motor Racing — Monaco Grand Prix, Gymnastics — Men's European Championships, Golf — Volvo PGA Championship 7.00 Equestrianism 8.00 Gymnastics 9.00 The 1982 World Cup 11.00 World Cup Special 11.30 Motor Racing

SCREENSPORT

6.30am Major League Baseball 8.30 Rugby League: French Cup Championships 10.00 Motor Sport. Indy Time Trials 12.00 Hippodrome: French horse racing 12.30pm Motor Sport: NASCAR Winston Special 2.00 Golf: US PGA Golf South Western Bell Colonial, from Fort Worth 4.00 TV Sport 4.30 Motor Racing: Indy Car Indianapolis 500 9.00 Ice Hockey: Stanley Cup 11.30 Athletics

MTV

Twenty four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Radar Men from the Moon 12.30pm Ensign O'Toole 1.00 Zorro 1.30 One Step Beyond 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Roller Derby 4.00 African Rainbow 4.25 Afternoon Cinema 6.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All films are followed by News and Weather

11.30am Autumn Leaves (1956, b/w): Joan Crawford is a middle-aged spinster who marries a much younger man, Cliff Robertson, only to discover he is violently schizophrenic

1.55 Act One (1963): George Hamilton, Jason Robards and George Segal star in this biopic about Brooklyn-born playwright, Moss Hart. Directed by Dore Schary

4.00 One Crazy Summer (1986): John Cusack and Demi Moore star as teenage misfits spending their summer holiday in New England. Directed by Savage Steve Holland

6.00 Ice Castles (1979): Tear-jerker about an Iowa farm girl who becomes an Olympic skater and is then blinded in an accident

8.00 Tusks: A villainous ivory hunter (John Rhys-Davies) kidnaps a wildlife artist (Lucy Gutteridge) and forces her to watch the senseless slaughter of elephants. Directed by Tara Moore

10.00 No Mercy (1986). Richard Gere and Kim Basinger star in this violent thriller in which tough cop Gere travels to New Orleans to find his partner's murderers

11.55 Purple Hearts (1984). Doctor Ken Wahl and nurse Cheryl Ladd fall in love amidst the carnage of Vietnam. Ends at 1.40pm

GALAXY

7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Re-Mr, News and Weather 9.00 Blizzard Island 9.30 The Rifleman 10.00 Animal World 10.30 Kids Court 11.00 Mr Ed 11.30 The New Fantastic Four, News and Weather 12.00 Time of Your Life 1.00pm Sea Hunt 1.30 Facts of Life: News and Weather 2.00 Cool Cube, News and Weather 5.00 Grange Hill: The Early Years 5.30 Dr Who — From the Start 6.00 Dad's Army 6.30 The Best of Steptoe and Son 7.00 Night Court 7.30 The Repeatable Up Yer News 8.00 Crossings — Part Three 10.00 Burns and Allen 10.30 TJ Hooker; News and Weather 11.30 Into the Groove 12.15am Barney Miller 12.45 Jools Holland's The Happening

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

9.30am Sportsdesk 10.00 Live Tennis: World Team Cup; Live Motorcycling: German Grand Prix 6.30 Australian Rugby League 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 Isle of Man TT Preview 9.00 Volvo PGA Tour 10.00 Motor World 10.30 Sportsdesk 11.00 Tennis: World Team Cup 12.00 Sportsdesk

NOW

10.00am Now Sir Robin 11.00 Crème de la Crème 12.00 West of Moscow 12.45pm Fifteen Minutes from Now 1.00 The Countryside Show 2.00 The Moguls — Part Two 3.00 Sunday Matinee: Mozart Requiem 4.15 In the Frame. Van Gogh — By the Roadside, Part One 5.15 Second House: Hans Christian Andersen Gala/Pilobolus on Broadway 7.30 Bravo! 8.00 Sunday Opera. Manon Lescaut/The Royal Opera 11.00 Brahms/Volkskinderlieder 11.40 Front of House

THE POWER STATION

10.00am Sixteen hours of rock and pop

Baker snipes at Kinnock £2bn 'gaffe' on spending

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THE Conservatives yesterday seized on Mr Neil Kinnock's disclosure of his party's plans for an extra £2 billion in taxes to press home their attack on Labour's economic policy.

Delighted senior Tories claimed that the pre-election skirmishing triggered by the launch of the Opposition's revised policy document had claimed its first "gaffe" – and that on territory the Conservatives believe they can make their own. Mr Kenneth Baker, the Tory chairman, argued that Mr Kinnock had widened his "credibility gap" still further and claimed his arithmetic was "muddle-headed and wrong".

Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, maintained that the Opposition could not meet its spending commitments "without a very significant increase in taxation for the average taxpayer".

Meanwhile, Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, labelled a passage in *Looking to the Future* "offensive and malicious" for alleging that disasters such as the loss of the Zeebrugge ferry were "symbols of a Government, which has put cost-cutting before people's lives". He said that Dr John Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, should immediately withdraw the statement.

Mr Kinnock said in an ITN interview on Thursday night that Labour would meet the cost of its pledges on pensions and child benefit through its plan to raise the top rate of income tax from 40 per cent to 50 per cent. Asked what sort of figure he was talking about, he replied: "A figure in excess of £2 billion, and that is in the first year."

Mr Baker maintained that Mr Kinnock had got his sums wrong. Mr Gavin Davies of Goldman Sachs, one of his party's advisers, had put the bill at £3.3 billion. "Muddle-headed arithmetic undermines your claim that you will only spend what you can raise. £2 billion from the very rich does not equal £3.3 billion."

Mr Norman Lamont, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said the £2 billion would not even pay for Labour's priority spending pledges on pensions and child benefit, let alone Mr Kinnock's own pledges for a total of £5.5 billion on aid and health. "Labour's latest document is a recipe for failure. Its vast numbers of pledges could only be met by large increases in taxes and borrowing."

Yeltsin on verge of challenge

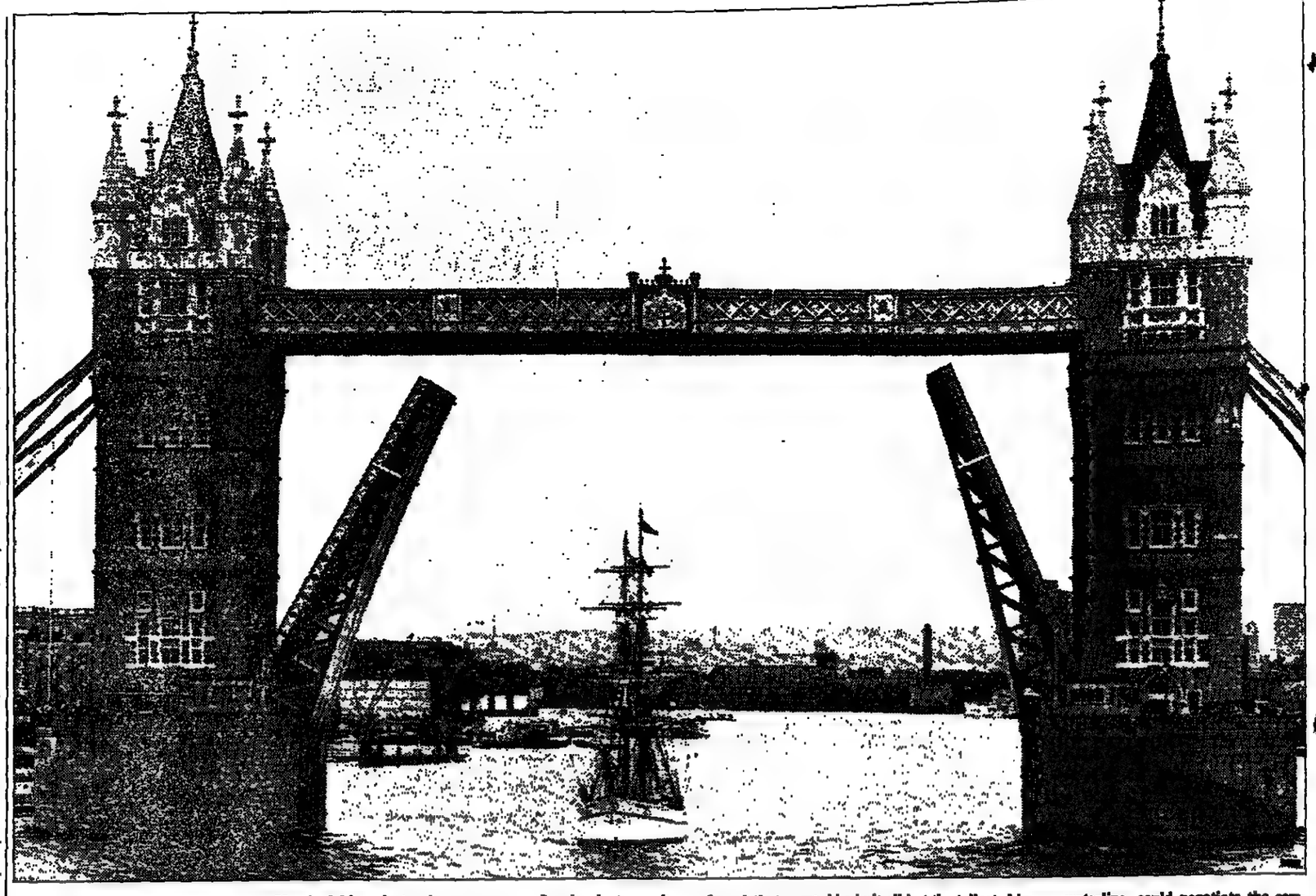
Continued from page 1

denying that he was against co-operatives in principle, he said he had actually closed 320 co-operatives in a day – all run by rogues and speculators – and he said there was a need to distinguish between good co-operatives and bad.

The country's new economic programme brought a swift response when the Ukraine, the second largest republic, said it would oppose the radical package, and miners in the country's largest coalfield said that they would stage a protest against it.

Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, called for calm and restraint as other reports of panic-buying and protests against planned price rises came in from all over the country. At a hastily organized press conference, he staunchly defended his reforms as essential, and said that he had no intention of resigning.

With discussions between the Kremlin and Lithuania again at a standstill, the economic sanctions against Vilnius are beginning to bite deeply. Yesterday, the Lithuanian government restricted the legal issue of petrol to food transport and emergency services, while the supply of hot water for domestic and industrial use was ended.



MICHAEL POWELL

THE 125-foot brig Maria Asumpta, the oldest tall ship still sailing regularly, passing through Tower Bridge yesterday on a courtesy visit to the Pool of London. She was built in Spain in 1858 and is now based at Ipswich (*writes Alan Hamilton*). Her voyage has been sponsored by a Hertfordshire electronics company to promote a new range of products. On her way up river the Maria Asumpta passed the bridge which is being built at Dartford to carry the M25 motorway across the Thames. When entrants in the Tall Ships Race assembled by the Tower of London last year it was feared that the bridge, scheduled for completion next summer, would prevent tall ships from ever being seen in the Pool of London again. But the Port of London Authority said yesterday that the bridge, with a clearance of over 162 feet in the centre of its span, would admit all but the tallest ships. Among last year's race entrants, only the Russian barques Sedov and Mir, among the largest sailing ships in the world, would have been prevented from navigating the river. The Maria Asumpta, whose masts rise a mere 100 feet from the waterline, could negotiate the completed bridge with ease. When the M25 crossing was being designed the PLA, which is trying to encourage more cargo traffic to come upriver, made strong representations on behalf of a high bridge and won its point.

Older northerners with ready cash lead flight to the sun

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

PACKAGE holiday flights this year will contain a higher proportion of older people from the North than previously as high interest rates force southern families to abandon summer holidays.

Tour operators, who have reduced the number of packages by more than two million because of the economic down-turn, are taking most of their bookings from the North, where mortgage costs are, on average, less of a burden than in the South, and from older couples whose savings are growing fast with the extra interest.

The average house price in the North is £45,500, according to the Halifax Building Society, compared with £90,800 in London and £75,000 in the South-east. The average amount outstanding on a mortgage in the North is £31,800 compared with £67,100 in London and £56,100 in the South-east.

Little wonder, therefore, that, in the South, young couples with families are finding it harder than ever to find the money for a two-week summer break, while their counterparts in the North still have, after mortgage payments, enough disposable income for a holiday.

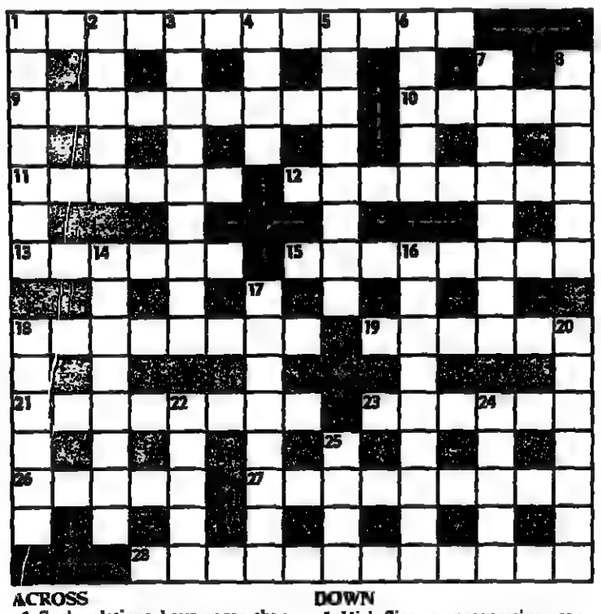
Any doubts in finalizing their holiday plans have, the Association of British Travel Agents says, been caused by worries about the cost of the Community Charge. Even that, however, is nowhere near as burdensome as meeting mortgage bills.

At the same time, the older couple who have paid off their mortgage or whose children have left home, are better off than ever as building societies pay up to 12 per cent interest on their savings. Now, these elderly savers from the North seem determined to make the most of their additional cash and are booking heavily with some couples taking as many as five holidays in a year.

Thomson Holidays says that, for the first time, as many package holiday flights will leave Manchester this year as Gatwick and that their Young at Heart programme – aimed almost exclusively at the older age group – has already virtually sold out for this summer. Although the traditional holiday destinations of the Spanish Costas remain the most popular, the elderly are becoming more adventurous.

Bookings for long haul destinations such as Florida, Barbados and Thailand are up on last year. It is a similar story with "City Breaks" which have increased by 25 per cent. The change in customer profile will be welcomed by Spanish resorts which have been trying to rid themselves of a "lager lout" image.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,304



ACROSS

1 Such relations have more than usual to do with a husband (5-7).
9 One page is enough for getting information (9).
10 Head of school absent from dull game (5).
11 Sluggish Oxford crew (6).
12 Masonry's old upholders (8).
13 Redhead engrossed in book (6).
15 In a state, being stuffed with custard pie (8).
18 Saver having second thoughts? (8).
19 Some Lilliputian eggs were broken at the grand finale (3,3).
21 If wearing long hair, saint can be easily recognised (8).
23 He curses a form of rebus (6).
26 Keeping awake at night? The poet's right out! (5).
27 Stuck on skin, and dyed in the wool (9).
28 Congreve play – a two-hander as produced by him? (6-6).

DOWN

1 High-flier a prospective candidate for this seat? (7).
2 Trust a piranha to devour this animal (5).
3 One who has always lived in the country, from birth in Lincoln (9).
4 A night bird not shut up (4).
5 Sort of guidance one needs in retail conglomerate (8).
6 Silver and gold find a market place in Greece (5).
7 Lets make this race difficult (8).
8 Little quadruped in Western holding up the picture (6).
14 Jokes becoming mouldy in time (8).
16 Large branch of tree breaks thick rope but can be surmounted (9).
17 The Dutch in India? (8).
18 Abolish degree (6).
20 He scoffs free venison sandwiches (7).
22 Paper product of oil (5).
24 Brain case, say, caused by a shell? (5).
25 Cutting tool as announced in the commercials (4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,298

Solution to Puzzle No 18,303

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

FEDARIE
a. An erroneous accomplice
b. An Egyptian measure of land
c. Salmon spawning ground

SALSE
a. Wit
b. A pasta sauce
c. A mud volcano

CROME
a. A yellow pigment
b. A spondaic foot
c. A hook or crook

METONYMY
a. Matriarchal descent
b. Nicknaming
c. Verse of only one rhyme

Answers on page 13

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

Greater London	701*
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702*
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Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Gloucs,Avon,Soms	705*
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706*
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709*
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710*
Central Midlands	711*
East Midlands	712*
Lincs & Humberside	713*
Dyfed & Powys	714*
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716*
W & S Yorks & Dales	717*
N E England	718*
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

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*Includes pollen count.

AA ROADWATCH

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London & SE traffic, roadworks

C London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T.	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T -M23	734
M-ways/roads M23- M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736

National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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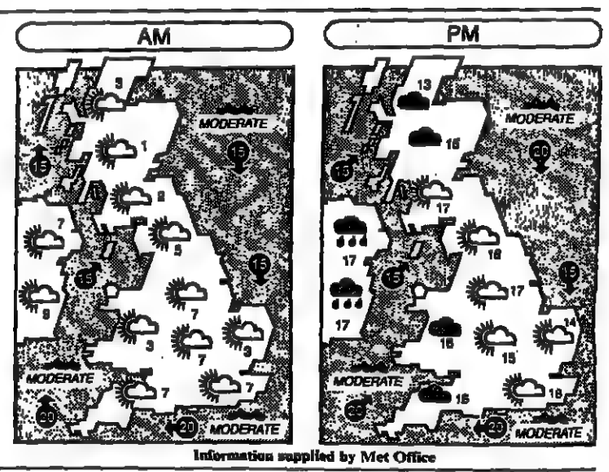
The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Dr B Burrows, School Lane, Seer Green, Beaconsfield, Bucks; N Wilson-Wright, Godfrey's Court, Worksop, Notts; D Oxford, Regency Close, Hampton, London; T Plater, Mowbray Road, South Shields, Tyne & Wear; W Cooper, Sandy Lane, St Ives, Ringwood, Hants.

WEATHER

Most parts will have a dry and sunny day with only patchy cloud blocking the sun now and then. During the afternoon, however, cloud will spread from the west over Northern Ireland, Wales and the south-west. Winds will keep temperatures down around resorts in the south-east and along the east coast, but inland it will feel very pleasant. Overnight, most areas will be clear with a widespread ground frost away from the west of the country. Outlook: mostly dry and sunny.



Information supplied by Met Office

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	c	Majorca	26	79	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malta	28	82	s
Algiers	28	82	s	Melb'rne	12	54	d
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Athens	28	82	s	Miami*	26	79	r
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	21	70	f
Barbados*	29	84	s	Montreal*	18	64	s
Barcelna	23	73	s	Moscow	22	72	c
Belgrade	28	82	s	Munich	9	48	r
Berlin	14	57	f	Nairobi	-	-	-
Bermuda*	22	72	r	Naples	25	77	f
Biarritz	20	68	s	N Delhi	38	100	s
Borde'x	23	73	f	N York*	17	63	f
Brussels	14	57	f	Nice	22	72	s
Budapst	22	72	f	Oslo	14	57	f
B Aires*	20	68	s	Paris	17	63	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Peking	-	-	-
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Perth	19	66	s
C'blanca	21	70	s	Prague	13	55	f
Chicago*	22	72	s	Reykjvik	8	46	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Cologne	13	55	c	Rio de J	23	73	s
C'phagn	13	55	f	Riyadh	-	-	-
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	23	73	f
Dublin	15	59	s	Salzburg	10	50	f
Dubrovnik	25	77	f	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	17	63	s
Florence	20	68	c	S Paulo*	22	72	s
Frankfurt	15	59	c	Seoul	22	72	f
Funchal	22	72	f	Sing'por	33	91	s
Geneva	18	64	c	St'kholm	7	45	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	c
Helsinki	14	57	c	Sydney	14	57	f
Hong K	-	-	-	Tangier	21	70	s
Innsbrck	12	54	r	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Istanbul	25	77	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	20	68	c
Jo'burg*	12	54	f	Toronto*	15	59	s
Karachi	31	88	c	Tunis	27	81	f
L Palmas	23	73	s	Valencia	25	77	s
Le Tquet	15	59	f	Vanc'ver*	13	55	f
Lisbon	23	73	s	Venice	23	73	s
Locarno	23	73	f	Vienna	14	57	c
L Angeles*	18	64	s	Warsaw	18	64	f
Luxembg	15	59	f	Wash'ton*	23	73	c
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'nton	17	63	c
Madrid	23	73	f	Zurich	14	57	c

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	9.3	-	11	52	sunny
Hunstanton	14.8	-	13	55	sunny
Lowestoft	10.5	-	17	63	sunny
Southend	10.8	-	18	64	sunny
Margate	X	-	16	61	sunny
Hastings	11.8	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	11.9	-	20	68	sunny
Bognor Regis	12.8	-	19	66	sunny
Southsea	12.3	-	20	68	sunny
Bournemouth	12.6	-	20	68	sunny
Swanage	12.7	-	18	64	sunny
Weymouth	13.8	-	20	68	sunny
Exmouth	14.6	-	19	66	sunny
Torquay	13.6	-	20	68	sunny
Penzance	13.0	-	18	64	sunny
Scilly Isles	14.0	-	17	63	sunny
Jersey	13.7	-	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	13.6	-	16	61	sunny
Newquay	14.6	-	15	59	sunny
Minehead	14.4	-	17	63	sunny
Blackpool	13.2	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	14.5	-	16	61	sunny
Douglas	13.1	-	15	59	sunny
Birmingham	11.6	-	18	64	sunny
Bristol	14.0	-	18	64	sunny
Leeds	11.8	-	17	63	sunny
London	11.7	-	18	64	sunny
Manchester	12.3	-	17	63	sunny
Newcastle	11.6	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	12.1	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	13.7	-	15	59	sunny
Cardiff	13.7	-	17	63	sunny
Tenby	14.6	-	16	61	sunny
Aberdeen	11.6	.01	12	54	shower
Edinburgh	10.9	-	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	12.0	-	14	57	sunny
Glasgow	14.1	-	16	61	sunny
Lerwick	8.8	.09	10	50	shower
Prestwick	13.9	-	15	59	sunny
Stornoway	5.3	.02	10	50	shower
Wick	11.1	.02	11	52	shower
Belfast	13.1	-	15	59	sunny

* denotes not available
These are Thursday's figures

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	14	57s	Guernsey	13	55s
B'mngham	13	55c	Inverness	11	52f
Blackpool	15	59s	Jersey	16	61s
Bristol	15	59f	London	15	59f
Cardiff	15	59f	M'nchster	15	59f
Edinburgh	13	55c	Newcastle	11	52f
Glasgow	14	57f	R'nldsway	14	57s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Thorney Island, West Sussex, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 08C (46F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, Shetland, 0.2 in; highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 14.8 hr.

GLASGOW

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 04C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 14.1 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.33	7.2	4.01	7.0	London Bridge	4.24	7.3	4.49	7.0
Aberdeen	3.04	4.2	3.34	13.1	Aberdeen	3.50	4.2	4.29	4.2
Avonmouth	9.19	13.1	9.39	13.1	Avonmouth	10.08	12.8	10.25	12.7
Belfast	12.40	3.6	1.12	3.4	Belfast	1.31	3.6	2.09	3.3
Cardiff	9.04	12.1	9.24	12.1	Cardiff	9.53	11.8	10.10	11.8
Devonport	7.54	5.4	8.13	5.5	Devonport	8.41	5.2	8.58	5.4
Dover	12.29	6.8	1.01	6.6	Dover	1.21	6.8	1.53	6.6
Falmouth	7.24	5.2	7.43	5.0	Falmouth	8.11	5.0	8.26	5.2
Glasgow	2.26	4.7	3.01	4.6	Glasgow	3.10	4.8	3.51	4.5
Harwich	1.34	4.1	1.59	4.0	Harwich	2.21	4.1	2.44	3.9
Holyhead	—	—	12.20	5.6	Holyhead	12.40	5.7	1.12	5.4
Hull	8.10	7.4	8.40	7.5	Hull	8.57	7.3	9.30	7.2
Ilfracombe	7.59	9.3	8.19	9.3	Ilfracombe	8.48	9.1	9.06	9.1
King's Lynn	8.20	6.7	8.49	6.8	King's Lynn	9.05	6.7	9.42	9.5
Leith	4.17	5.6	4.47	5.7	Leith	5.07	5.5	5.40	5.6
Liverpool	12.50	9.6	1.18	9.5	Liverpool	1.39	9.5	2.07	9.3
Lowestoft	11.20	2.5	11.52	2.5	Lowestoft	—	—	12.03	2.5
Margate	1.31	4.9	2.07	4.7	Margate	2.31	4.9	2.57	4.7
Milford Haven	8.12	7.1	8.33	7.1	Milford Haven	9.01	6.9	9.20	6.9
Newquay	7.02	7.1	7.23	7.1	Newquay	7.52	6.9	8.11	6.9
Oban	7.50	3.9	7.54	4.0	Oban	8.38	3.7	8.39	3.8
Penzance	6.53	5.5	7.13	5.6	Penzance	7.43	5.3	8.01	5.5
Portland	9.15	2.1	9.24	2.3	Portland	10.00	2.0	10.05	2.2
Portsmouth	12.57	4.8	1.34	4.7	Portsmouth	1.46	4.7	2.30	4.7
Shoreham	12.47	6.3	1.22	6.3	Shoreham	1.35	6.2	2.13	6.2
Southampton	12.21	4.5	12.55	4.5	Southampton	1.11	4.3	1.48	4.4
Swansea	8.23	9.6	8.41	9.6	Swansea	9.12	9.3	9.29	9.3
Tees	5.28	5.5	5.58	5.5	Tees	6.16	5.4	6.53	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	1.25	4.3	1.52	4.1	W'ton-on-Nze	2.16	4.3	2.38	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

TODAY			TOMORROW		
Sun rises: 4.56 am	Sun sets: 9.01 pm		Sun rises: 4.54 am	Sun sets: 9.02 pm	
Moon rises: 6.07 am	Moon sets: 11.54 pm	First Quarter May 31	Moon rises: 7.27 am	Moon sets: 12.31 am	First Quarter May 31

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DTI will consider 'mix-up' claims

THE Department of Trade and Industry said that it will "consider detailed compensation claims" from people who may have lost money through the Dixons-Kingfisher mix-up this week.

Criticism followed the confusion over the early release of the Monopolies Commission's report and the decision by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, to block the Kingfisher bid; it has been claimed that the premature release triggered buying and selling of shares before the official Stock Exchange announcement.

The DTI said: "If anyone were to put in a detailed claim relating to losses in Dixons or Kingfisher shares as a direct result of the error then we will give it full consideration."

A spokesman said it was "absolutely not" possible to say what sort of sums this might involve.

Shares euphoria begins to fade

THE wave of euphoria that this week carried the equity market briefly back above the 2,300 level for the first time in three months started boiling over as the two-week account drew to a close.

Profit-taking, combined with futures-related selling and a dull start to trading on Wall Street, dragged share prices lower. The FT-SE 100 index closed 11.5 points down at 2,265.6, investors and market-makers having been unwilling to open positions before the bank holiday.

Selling was described as light but the mood among investors was in stark contrast to the enthusiasm of last week when hopes of an early entry into the European exchange rate mechanism sent the index climbing by 95 points.

The index hit a three-month peak of 2,311.3 on Tuesday, but much of that enthusiasm has been whittled away by another round of gloomy economic statistics. As a result, the rise on the account has been reduced to 83.9 points.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6900 (–0.0025)

W German mark
2.8409 (+0.0060)

Exchange index
89.1 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1800.0 (–5.2)

FT-SE 100
2265.6 (–11.5)

New York Dow Jones
2835.63 (–19.92)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15 3/32-15 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14½-14 9/16%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¼%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.71-7.69%*
30-year bonds 100 15/16-101*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6900	£: $1.6897*
£: DM2.8409	$: DM1.6820*
£: SwFr2.4065	$: SwFr1.4250*
£: FFr9.5593	$: FFr5.6635*
£: Yen252.82	$: Yen149.68*
£: Index:89.1	$: Index:67.2
ECU £0.722078	SDR £0.779752
£: ECU1.384895	£: SDR1.282459

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $366.35 pm-$366.50
close $367.00-367.50 (£217.00-217.50)
New York:
Comex $367.10-367.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jul) ..... $16.85 bbl ($16.70)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.335	2.175
Austria Sch	20.85	19.55
Belgium Fr	61.35	57.35
Canada $	2.2074	1.964
Denmark Kr	11.33	10.63
Finland Mkk	6.99	[illegible]
France Fr	9.98	9.38
Germany Dm	2.96	2.78
Greece Dr	285	269
Hong Kong $	13.78	12.88
Ireland Pt	1.111	1.041
Italy Lira	2180	2050
Japan Yen	268	252
Netherlands Gld	3.31	3.13
Norway Kr	11.44	10.74
Portugal Esc	260.50	245.50
South Africa Rd	5.60	5.00
Spain Pta	184.25	172.25
Sweden Kr	10.72	10.12
Switzerland Fr	2.515	2.355
Turkey Lira	4535	[illegible]
USA $	1.772	1.672
Yugoslavia Dnr	23.75	17.75

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 125.1 (April)

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Worries over GrandMet debt send shares down

By John Bell, City Editor

THE City reacted badly to news that Grand Metropolitan has dropped plans to sell Alpo, its US petfoods business, in a deal that was expected to reduce the group's debt mountain by up to $600 million. GrandMet shares fell 15½p to 589½p as the market assessed the snags that have hit the group's plans for a significant reduction in borrowings this year.

The £2.8 billion pub swap with Elders IXL has been blocked by a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission despite last-minute efforts to restructure the deal in order to meet reservations by the Office of Fair Trading. The swap, combined with a sale of GrandMet brewing interests to Elders' Courage subsidiary would have reduced GrandMet's 96 per cent year-end gearing to about 70 per cent. The Alpo deal would have trimmed that figure to about 55 per cent. At the year end, total group borrowings amounted to £3.2 billion.

GrandMet said that offers for Alpo were coming in around the bottom end of expectations. "Buyers were mainly interested in Alpo's premium can dog food product which have a leading market position. The offers did not include anything for the successfully launched range of premium catfoods which have been well received," said Mr Tim Halford, of GrandMet.

After a £20 million launch Alpo's cat food products have gained a 9 per cent market share and are now sold in 90 per cent of US supermarket outlets according to GrandMet. Alpo's profits this year will be hit by the cat food launch costs but sales in the six months to end-March increased by 38 per cent to $260 million.

"Rather than sell Alpo cheaply for short-term reasons of reducing gearing, we have decided to retain it for the longer term earnings benefits," Mr Halford said.

"This came as a disappointment to the market. If it had been sold it would have brought the company's debt levels down," said Mr John Spicer, brewing analyst at Kleinwort Benson, the securities firm.

Analysts were yesterday pondering the earnings implications of the Alpo retention and will probably shade down their earnings forecasts for the current year. They are expecting GrandMet profits in the range £900 million to £930 million for the current year after £732 million last time. Earnings per share are projected to rise from last year's 55.6p to about 65p this year putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 9.

GrandMet is believed to have made the announcement in good time for a meeting of 200 analysts in New York next week. The group is considering a listing in New York next year and believes that there is growing US interest in the shares already. GrandMet, which has substantial US interests including Burger King and the Pillsbury food and flour product businesses, says that its shares are trading at a noticeable discount to similar US companies.

The decision of the MMC on the asset swap with Elders will not become public until September at the earliest. The commission has been instructed to complete its work by August 25. GrandMet was due to have sold its breweries to Elders and formed a joint company with the Foster's group. Effectively this would have created a tied estate of about 6,000 pubs linked to Elders' brewing operation.

The reference was the third time that an attempt by Elders to strengthen its position in the British brewing market has been sent for official scrutiny. The current investigation is regarded as crucial for an Elders capital reconstruction plan.

Outlook bleak after Lowndes loses £80m

By Michael Tate
Deputy City Editor

THE full extent of the Lowndes Queensway disaster was revealed yesterday when Mr Norman Ireland, the new chairman, reported a net loss of £80 million for the year to end-January.

The results are "in line with" the forecast which accompanied the latest of the furniture and carpet group's refinancing packages in January, but look no better for that. Without a £2.2 million contribution from its 20 per cent stake in Brown & Jackson, a legacy of the Poundstretcher sale, it would be near-impossible to find black ink on the accounts.

The losses, which compare with a £9.1 million pre-tax profit for the six months to January 1989, comprise a £20 million trading deficit, £24.8 million of interest charges, £34.6 million provisions and a £600,000 tax bill.

And while the group claims to be ahead of target in its rationalization, the outlook remains bleak. "Trading in the opening months of 1990 has been very difficult," says Mr Ireland. "The market remains depressed and we do not anticipate any marked improvement until 1991."

That will further unnerve Lowndes Queensway shareholders, who have seen the value of their investment shrink to almost nothing. The shares, effectively valued at about 90p each at the August 1988 buyout from Harris Queensway, sank ¼p to 3¼p.

Lowndes Queensway has been a disaster since Mr James Gulliver led the £450 million

Dayan: lists priorities

acquisition of most of Sir Phil Harris's Harris Queensway less than two years ago.

Rising interest rates, mounting losses, disputes with suppliers and problems selling the Poundstretcher and Hamleys chains have led it to the brink of collapse more than once, and eventually, at the beginning of this year, caused the departure of Mr Gulliver.

Two separate refinancing operations have kept it afloat, and its every move is watched by 20 banks.

However, Mr Eddie Dayan, the chief executive, pointed out that the results were no worse than predicted at the latest refinancing.

"We said the loss before interest and exceptionals would be at least £20 million — it is £20 million. We predicted interest charges would total approximately £25.5 million — they were £24.8 million. We forecast exceptional costs of approximately £35.0 million — they were £34.6 million."

The exceptional costs relate to the reconstruction undertaken by Mr Dayan and his team, which has involved closing about 40 per cent of the outlets and cutting 2,000 jobs.

Mr Dayan says that by the end of this month most outlets targeted for closure will have been closed, and the rest will be closed by the end of the year. Lowndes Queensway will be left with 424 outlets, of which 81 will be concessions and 221 out-of-town stores.

Site disposals, originally expected to raise £8.2 million, are ahead of schedule. Year-end borrowings are £120 million, after crediting the £70 million injected in January.

Mr Dayan says like-for-like cost savings during the year were about £15 million, and that the group is on target to achieve savings of £25 million a year by January 1991, equivalent to 15 per cent of total costs. This compares with a target of £20 million last year.

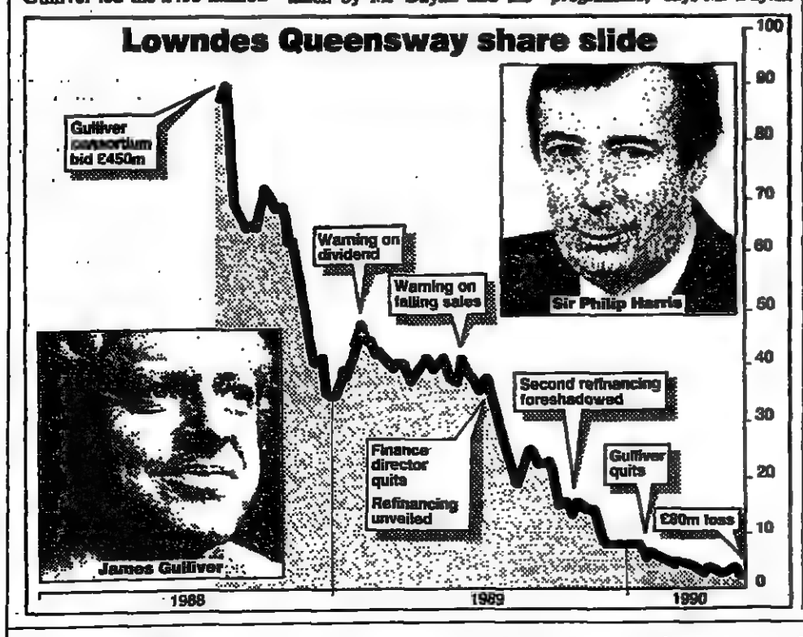
This is against a background of "one of the most difficult years ever experienced in the furniture and carpets markets." The group's main customer base, young families with mortgages, has been hit by rising interest rates.

Furniture sales dropped 21.7 per cent on a direct comparison, while carpet sales slid 16.7 per cent. The result was a £14.9 million trading loss on furniture and a £7.3 million deficit in carpets.

Since then home-owners have had to face a further 1 per cent rise in mortgage rates and the introduction of the poll tax. "This undoubtedly will make market conditions even tougher," said Mr Ireland.

"Our short-term priorities are focused on managing for cash, maximizing sales, improving overall controls and completing the rationalization programme," says Mr Dayan.

Lowndes Queensway share slide



Bidders line up for Crystalate

JOHN CHAPMAN

A smile despite his problems: Bob Eade, chief executive of Crystalate, takes a break in London yesterday

CRYSTALATE, the besieged electronic component manufacturer, has received a £30.6 million cash offer from Vishay Intertechnology, a US group with which it has trading links.

But Vishay has not proved to be the white knight Crystalate had hoped for. Lord Jenkin, the chairman and former Industry Secretary, said Vishay's terms were not much better than those of TT, the mini-conglomerate which launched its bid two months ago.

Dr Felix Zandman, Vishay's chairman, said: "Crystalate represents a tremendous opportunity for Vishay. We have been business partners for many years and the commercial fit is superb." Lord Jenkin replied that while he agreed with the logic of combining the two companies, the offer did not reflect the value of Crystalate to Vishay.

Vishay is offering 80p cash a share, or one of its shares for 14 Crystalate, worth 90.6p, with its own shares trading at $21.5. Although the paper alternative is 0.3p higher than the value of TT's seven-for-ten share swap terms, with TT at 129p, it is available for only two-thirds of the offer.

TT's part cash terms are worth 83¾p.

Crystalate's profits peaked at £7.1 million in 1986-87, against losses of £897,000 in the first half of this year.

Its biggest problems have centred around its former core business, making carbon microphones for telephones. This was hit by rival technology and the British Telecom privatization, according to Mr Bob Eade, the chief executive.

Crystalate's shares, after sinking initially from 85p to below the value of Vishay's cash offer, recovered to 81p.

US group launches £30.6m cash offer

By our City Staff

Courtaulds Textiles cuts 500 more jobs

By Jeremy Andrews

COURTAULDS Textiles, the underwear and apparel fabric manufacturer demerged from Courtaulds two months ago, is to shed a further 500 jobs and close three more spinning mills in Lancashire.

The company blamed overcapacity and weak demand for the move, which had led to "intense price pressure" in the European yarn market.

However, it said the remaining mills, on which it had spent £20 million over the past four years, were well placed to become a defensible core for its spinning operations.

The plants affected by the latest decision are the Atlas Mill in Ashton-under-Lyne, Manor Mill in Oldham and Mars Mill in Rochdale.

The company said the reinvestment necessary for spinning to continue at the first two, which make man-made and cotton yarns respectively, could not be justified on present and likely future yarn prices.

But some of the ring-spun combed cotton yarns associated with Mars Mill were viable and would be produced elsewhere.

The workforce at Courtaulds Textiles will fall to about 29,000 after the move, compared with 37,000 three years ago when Mr Martin Taylor, a former financial journalist, became managing director.

Following the closures, Courtaulds Spinning will employ 2,250 in 11 mills, compared with 5,500 in 26 mills in 1988, but output per employee will be 30 per cent higher.

Salary fall for Globe chairman

THE chairman of Globe, the investment trust fighting a £1.03 billion hostile bid from the British Coal Pension Funds, saw his pay fall by £10,000 last year.

Globe's annual report reveals that Mr David Hardy's salary dropped from £158,000 to £148,000 in the year to end-March. This was because the trust's asset growth only just beat the FT All Share index, rising by 3.7 per cent against 3.6 per cent.

The report answers criticisms made by British Coal over the trust's revaluation, which increased Globe's assets from an initial estimate of 204.6p a share to 213p.

Figures showed that Globe's unquoted portfolio rose by £29 million, or 5.4p a share.

Administrator cleared of selling at 'gross undervalue'

Insurance companies lose petition

By a Court Correspondent

A PETITION by 11 insurance companies alleging that a company administrator acted with undue haste and sold off an insolvent insurance broking business at a "gross undervalue" has been dismissed by a High Court judge.

Mr Justice Millett rejected the companies' claim for a declaration that Mr Tony Richmond, senior insolvency partner in the north eastern region of Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant, had acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of creditors in his administration of Charnley Davies Ltd, an insurance broker in Leeds, Wakefield and Hull, and one of 17 companies in the Charnley Davies Group, which crashed in January 1987. The group collapsed after Lloyds Bank, then owed £2.6 million on overdraft, withdrew support.

The administration order under which Mr Richmond was appointed was the first to be made by the High Court under new Insolvency Act provisions aimed at giving troubled businesses a chance of survival instead of going into immediate liquidation.

The judge said the petitioning insurance companies, all creditors of the company, were "incensed" by what they regarded as Mr Richmond's "cavalier attitude" towards them and claimed that the £57,500 he obtained for the immediate sale of the company was a gross undervalue.

They also sought an order that Mr Richmond should pay compensation to Charnley Davies Ltd for the alleged loss sustained because of his conduct.

Dismissing the allegations, the judge said the insurance companies had failed to establish that Mr Richmond realized less than the fair value of the business.

"Mr Richmond was called upon to dispose of the business in highly unfavourable circumstances," the judge said. "He had to conclude a deal before the business fell apart. He had a very weak hand."

The judge said Mr Richmond had not acted negligently or with undue haste. He could not fault Mr Richmond's judgment that, if he did not sell Charnley Davies Ltd by January 31, 1987, the brokers and the rest of the staff would walk out because he had no money to pay their wages and he would have to close the business.

The price he obtained was "far below" what the creditor insurance companies expected, but it enabled Mr Richmond to discharge his obligations to the employees and provide enough funds to enable a liquidator to pay preferential creditors in full.

The petitioners were: Allstate, Commercial Union, Cornhill, Eagle Star, General Accident, Guardian Royal Exchange, Norwich Union, Provincial, Royal, Sun Alliance and Zurich.

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Campbell Soup to sell five European food businesses

By Colin Campbell

CAMPBELL Soup is putting up for sale five of its food businesses in Europe, which include a number of trading companies in Britain and Ireland.

Mr Ted Glover, head of Campbell Foods Europe, says the five businesses have annual sales of more than $200 million, of which the British-Irish element accounts for $120 million.

No profit figures for the individual divisions and no indication of expected prices Campbell wants have been given.

Campbell says it hopes that its 3,200 British staff will be absorbed by their new owners.

The companies for sale include Campbell Seafood Division, which also operates in Belgium, the British vegetable division of Campbell Foods in Hemel Hempstead, Campbell Irish Foods and Mallow Foods in Ireland.

Three of the companies were acquired by Campbell in 1988 when it took over Freshbake Foods Group.

Mr Glover said Campbell had decided to back down from its trading companies which had volatile earnings in order to concentrate on value-added activities. Campbell retains British interests, including its frozen convenience division with annual sales of £100 million, the traditional Campbell's Soup operations, and a chilled foods division.

"The sale of the five food businesses will allow more management time and captial to be put behind what we hold on to," Mr Glover added.

The British vegetable division claims a 20 per cent share of the market in frozen green vegetables, and has a 25 per cent interest in one of Europe's largest vegetable processing facilities in Grimsby.

Irish Foods is the largest frozen vegetable processor in Ireland with a 42 per cent share of the market. Mallow Foods has a 25 per cent share of the European market in dried peas.

Goldman Sachs was retained four weeks ago by Campbell to prepare selling briefs and to line up a number of interested buyers.

Campbell will still have annual British sales of £170 million after its divestments, and says the objective of the sales is "to set the group on a new course and deliver improved financial performance."

Other divisons for sale include D Lazzaroni in Italy, the biscuit maker.

Why the markets may have discounted Labour's vision

KENNETH FLEET

Labour's policy document, *Looking to the Future*, is not likely to frighten the children. It may not even wake them up. But it does bring into sharper focus the New Model Labour Party, which Neil Kinnock hopes to lead to victory in the next general election.

Although the election may still be two years away, the Government is protected by a big majority and the Conservative cause is by no means lost. Labour, according to the public opinion polls, is electable. Labour policies are therefore part of the market equation.

The moderates who lead the party have embraced the market economy, though less than wholeheartedly. Contrast the cry of the West German Social Democratic Party when it saw the light in 1959 — "Markets where possible, planning where necessary" — with Labour's — "Business where appropriate: Government where necessary." They could hardly do less when central planning and State ownership are being abandoned by Socialists and Communists almost everywhere.

Labour's economic goals are in keeping with its desire for "a partnership economy": stable and balanced economic growth; a reasonable equilibrium in the balance of payments; the control of inflation; and the highest possible levels of skilled and rewarding employment.

Who would not wish for "a stable economic framework" in which an enlightened government pursued "a policy of sustained and balanced growth"?

These anodyne statements are not, of course, the real market tests. Inflation, public spending and taxation are.

Labour, says the policy document, will not "tolerate" high inflation and wherever inflation pressures appear they will be tackled by "a package of measures" — not the one Tory weapon of interest rates.

Credit expansion would be curbed but there would not be a statutory incomes policy. Nationalized industries' prices would be controlled and the practices of other monopolies checked. Labour looks to membership of the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System to bring down both inflation and interest rates.

But is the commitment to stable prices as firm as the policy document would have us believe? A combination of lower interest rates, a lower exchange rate, increased government borrowing and a national minimum wage, which Labour wants, is an instant formula for higher prices. The question of priorities would then arise. Another, unofficial strand in Labour Party thinking accepts "there may be reason to be concerned" when inflation rises above 20 per cent, "when there is danger of hyper-inflation, the breakdown of the use of money, and a focus of political attention on inflation."

But when inflation is below 10 per cent "these dangers do not exist, and the control of inflation should receive relatively low priority." If the good intentions are subverted, which school of policy will have its way, I wonder.

On public spending, Labour's official words are also sweet. "We will not spend, nor will we promise to spend, more than Britain can afford."

Some expensive commitments are in place: uprating child benefit to make up for reductions since 1987, linking pensions to the higher of prices and earnings, and improved public sector pay, to name but three.

Without the proceeds of privatization sales (£5 billion at present), and with the costs of rising unemployment, the present budget surplus would vanish.

Over the next 10 years, buying back water "at a fair market price" would add more than £30 billion (at November 1989 prices) to the public sector accounts.

John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, whom everyone likes and would like to believe is really in charge, is set on borrowing to finance investment. That will give the gilt-edged market pause for thought and probably limit Labour's scope to bring down interest rates.

Taxation, Labour promises, will be fairer, with "contributions" based on ability to pay.

The party is looking to income tax rates at the lower end below 20 per cent. There would be several higher income bands, culminating in a maximum rate of 50 per cent.

By abolishing the ceiling on employees' National Insurance Contributions, the top rate for the higher paid would in fact rise to 60 per cent. A surcharge on investment income might add another 10 per cent.

Looking to the Future is not a revolutionary document. It is barely radical. Reasonably enough, it is short on the kind of detail calculated to raise the noise level when election manifestos come to be written and battle is joined.

The difficult issue for John Smith is the market's perception of sterling. Labour clearly wants to see the pound devalued from its present level to make British industry more competitive. No sensible politician would say, in public, by how much. At this range the issue is complicated by the near certainty that the present Government, before the election, will take Britain into the exchange rate mechanism. An incoming Labour Government might well find its freedom of manoeuvre heavily restricted. Or it might find that the decision to devalue had already been pre-empted by the foreign exchange market.

The equity (and gilt) markets will also have taken a view on the probable election outcome. The City nurses a belief that Labour governments are not so bad, and are often good, for equities. This probably rests on occasional good years while Labour is in office and occasional bonanzas such as George Brown's famous freeze on office developments.

The fact is that the average rating of equities during the last two periods when Labour was in power (1964-70 and 1974-79) was lower than in the Conservative years 1970-74 and 1979 to the present. I am sure that a Labour victory would knock a hole in the equity market, in the event or before the election if the polls were pointing firmly in Mr Kinnock's direction.

The subtler point, which is well made in SG Warburg Securities' study, *The Market Under Labour*, is that markets are closely related to each other, not just by international capital flows but also by common links between individual economies and the world economy.

To a considerable degree, therefore, the British market's performance beyond 1992 is independent of the party in office.

A second and related point is that the rating of London shares relative to American shares is now close to the lows of the 1980s.

This suggests that the London market might already have discounted much of the impact of Neil Kinnock in Downing Street. Or put another way, the kind of rally in share prices we saw this month reflected a sudden downgrading of his election chances.

B&C to offer new plan to creditors

By Neil Bennett

BRITISH & Commonwealth, the troubled financial services group, is in a race against time to present new reconstruction proposals to its bankers, after its original draft was rejected this week.

SG Warburg, the company's adviser, hopes to have a new plan to give to B&C's creditors within 10 days. The reorganization needs to be agreed by the end of June when a set of interest payments become due.

The merchant bank has been forced to withdraw proposals which called for holders of B&C's £700 million of senior debt to take a 25 per cent writedown. Yesterday the company, whose chief executive is Mr John Gunn, stressed the proposals were only an initial draft, and alterations were always intended. It is clear the changes will be more radical than B&C originally hoped.

There remains a difference of opinion between B&C's 203 senior lenders over the future for the company. While some are prepared to see some debt written down to allow the company to arrange an orderly disposal programme, other creditors are unwilling to make any concessions while there are still funds available for subordinate debt holders.

The other lenders, particularly the cumulative redeemable preference share holders, may still force the company into administration by demanding repayment. B&C has said only senior creditors would receive repayment if it is wound up, but some believe a break-up operation would raise all but £100 million of the company's £1.36 billion total debt.

B&C executives believe it will take until October to dispose of the merchant banking business and Exco, the money broker, now both officially on sale. They should raise at least £400 million.

Race against time: John Gunn, chief executive

Figures ahead at Jarvis Porter

By Philip Pangalos

PRE-TAX profits at Jarvis Porter Group, the Leeds specialist labelling group, climbed from £2.03 million to £2.08 million in the year to end-February, despite difficult market conditions and the sale of two businesses.

The final dividend is 2.8p (2.6p), making 4.2p (4p) for the year. Earnings per share are held at 9.0p.

Turnover fell from £35.6 million to £28.2 million, although sales include £3.7 million in respect of the businesses sold during the year, against £13.5 million previously.

Mr Paul Jarvis, chairman, said: "A lot of the company's business being produced for conventional labels is ultimately for export and has been unaffected by the pressures on UK consumer spending."

He said the company, with 20 per cent of the British market for wine and spirit labels, had won a substantial 50 per cent share of the new Johnnie Walker whisky brand labels, which will provide a significant boost to volumes.

Most divisions had satisfactory order books, despite continuing high interest rates, he said. However, the Nottingham and Leicester plants, which service the DIY, travel and fashion industries, saw a 10 to 15 per cent downturn in business, although orders are now said to be "holding up."

Overall interest costs are cut from £509,000 to £307,000, while gearing is 7.5 per cent against 60 per cent last time.

Mr Jarvis said: "The company is in a much stronger position today than it was a year ago. Management training and development is continuing, as is our capital expenditure programme, with a future £2.8 million investment planned for this year."

There was an exceptional profit of £129,000, relating to a relocation gain, and an extraordinary loss of £49,000 on the sale of the flexible packaging business.

Mr Richard Brewster, chief executive of David S Smith (Holdings), has joined as a non-executive director.

Venture Plant interim loss

By Our City Staff

VENTURE Plant Group, the plant-hire company which came to the USM in December, 1988, has axed its interim dividend after it slid into the red. The company made a pre-tax loss of £241,000 in the six months to end-March, compared with a profit of £378,000. This follows last month's profits warning, which saw the share price halve.

Last time's interim dividend was 1.25p. There is a 1p loss per share, against earnings of 2.3p. Turnover grew by 32 per cent to £5.04 million, with about 40 per cent of this relating to piling which has held up well. The company is not heavily exposed to housebuilding.

Mr Bob Drinkwater, the chairman, said the market for general plant-hire has been difficult, particularly in south and south-east England and this, combined with high interest rates, has resulted in the disappointing performance. Mr Drinkwater said action is being taken to restore group profitability and reduce the high level of gearing.

The company has closed two smaller loss-making depots, which resulted in about 30 redundancies. Positive results are already starting to come through and "the company is profitable at the moment."

The board will review the final dividend, depending on the outcome of the year. The shares lost 1p to 19p on the news.

Shaftesbury slides to £194,000

By Matthew Bond

SHARES in Shaftesbury, the West End property group, fell 11p to 150p as the company unveiled interim pre-tax profits sharply lower at £194,000.

In the comparable six months to March 1989 pre-tax profits were £2.75 million. There is again no interim dividend.

Although net property income rose 49 per cent to £2.2 million, interest charges almost doubled to £1.24 million. A further £1.05 million of interest has been capitalized.

A £330,000 loss from associated companies also reduced group profits.

Mr Peter Levy, chairman, said: "Our investment portfolio represents over 80 per cent of our total holdings. The continuing rental growth which it generates reflects both the good location of our investments — in particular our stong representation in London's West End — and the effect of our active policy of upgrading our portfolio."

Mr Richard Plummer, a former senior partner with Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, joins the board as a non-executive director.

Morland 12% up at £2.38m

MORLAND, the brewer, lifted pre-tax profits 12.5 per cent to £2.38 million and raised its interim dividend to 1.97p (1.575p). Core operations climbed 22.3 per cent but property dealing eased from £398,000 to £279,000.

A more liberal dividend policy is planned, Morland says, adding that the outlook for the year is inevitably affected by the general economic climate. The shares were unchanged at 343p.

Tax break for Boesky on half of $100m penalty for fraud

From John Durie in New York

MR IVAN Boesky, the convicted securities fraudster, was granted a tax deduction for half of the $100 million penalty he paid as part of his plea-bargaining agreement with the US government in 1986, it has been disclosed.

One of Mr Boesky's lawyers, Mr Charles Davidow, disclosed the deduction in court as Mr Boesky was giving evidence in the trial of another former Wall Street arbitrageur, John Mulheren.

Under US law, fines cannot be deducted, but $50 million of Mr Boesky's $100 million penalty was for restitution of civil liabilities, for which he could claim a tax deduction.

Michael Milken, the junk-bond pioneer who pleaded guilty last month to securities fraud, will also be able to claim a deduction for $400 million of his $600 million penalty.

It was also disclosed in court that Mr Boesky paid his $50 million fine with shares in Cambrian and General Securities. The 23 per cent stake in the British mutual fund was handed to the US Securities and Exchange Commission, which acknowledged that the shares were worth only $37 million a year after the deal with Mr Boesky.

As the terms of the penalty were revealed, the presiding judge in the Mulheren case, Judge Miriam Cedarbaum, said: "It only goes to show that the $100 million was not really as painful or as expensive as it appears."

Mr Boesky was giving evidence publicly for the first time after acting as a government informer for the past three years, since conviction, resulting in the biggest government crackdown on Wall Street in US history.

Among Mr Boesky's victims were Mr Milken, the former Drexel Burnham Lambert executive, Marty Siegel, and Drexel Burnham Lambert, which was forced to pay $650 million as part of its settlement with the government.

Mr Mulheren, who is charged with a range of securities violations, primarily share parking, has been the first person to take Mr Boesky on in court. His lawyer, Mr Tom Puccio, launched a strong attack on Mr Boesky's credibility and extracted admissions from Mr Boesky that he had lied to the government and the US Tax Office and had violated the law after his 1986 settlement.

Mr Boesky admitted that while serving a 19-month prison term, as part of his government settlement, he had violated prison rules. "There were a couple of chaps who did laundry there, and I gave them a few quarters to do my laundry," he said. Mr Boesky denied having paid bribes to prison officials for special consideration, saying: "That's an outrageous and malicious accusation, sir."

Mr Boesky stopped short of implicating Mr Mulheren in the offences alleged against him by not saying that Mr Mulheren had received and acted on inside information or manipulated share prices for Mr Boesky knowingly.

The US District Attorney alleges that Mr Mulheren received inside tips from Mr Boesky and knowingly held shares for him to allow Mr Boesky to minimize his tax return and meet minimum capital requirements for stockbroking firms.

Mr Boesky on many occasions appeared uncertain of details of some of his deals. However, he said that he remembered "very well" a trade that he did in March 1986 with Mr Mulheren that was, he said, "designed to repay an obligation Mr Mulheren's firm had to our firm," money owed as a result of illegal trades.

Mr Boesky put his net wealth in 1986, just prior to pleading guilty, at "less than $1 billion and more than $100 million."

At the time of his settlement his lawyers said that he was nearly bankrupt, but, Mr Boesky, questioned on the issue, said that he could not remember how his money appeared to have been dissipated.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Three to tender for £67m bridge links

THREE consortia, two led by Northern Ireland provincial contractors and the third by a Dutch enterprise, have been invited to tender for the design and construction of Belfast's proposed cross-harbour road and rail bridges, at an estimated cost of £67 million.

Mr Peter Bottomley, the Northern Ireland environment minister, revealed the contenders to be groups led respectively by John Graham (Dromore), the Belfast civil engineers, McLaughlin & Harvey, and Hollandsche Beton-en-Waterbouw, of Rotterdam. Tenders are to be submitted by the end of next year for construction of the paired bridges to begin next summer and to take about three years. The Royal Fine Arts Commission has advised on the appearance and aesthetic merits of the various designs proposed.

Finnish mill for America

FINLAND'S United Paper Mills is to build a mill in the US which would more than double its production of dry-formed paper. The investment will cost about 75 million markka (£11.3 million) and the mill, in North Carolina, should be in operation next autumn. The mill will have an annual capacity of 160 million square metres.

40 jobs to go at Casket

CASKET, the clothing business now under new management, plans a radical overhaul. It is selling its headquarters at Chadderton, Greater Manchester, for £1.15 million in cash. It will also cease production at Westside Fibres in Heywood, Greater Manchester, on June 14 and sell the building. The changes will mean 40 redundancies.

Wace buys US firm

WACE Group, the pre-press services and specialist printing group, has acquired Graphic Warehouse Company for an initial $1.6 million in cash and shares. Further payments of up to $700,000 in 1990 and $800,000 in 1991 depend on the company's performance.

Graphic Warehouse provides art production, graphic design and retouching services to leading advertising agencies in Chicago. The company, which operates from two facilities in the heart of the Chicago advertising community, made a pre-tax profit of $592,000 in the year to end-December, with net assets of $351,000.

Loss widens at Milford

MILFORD (Donegal) Bakery & Flour Mills saw pre-tax losses deepen from Ir£202,000 to Ir£277,000 (£262,200) in the 28 weeks to March 17. Turnover grew by 11.5 per cent to Ir£3.46 million. The loss per share worsened from 33.67p to 56.12p. Once again, there is no dividend. The company experienced difficult trading conditions.

Racal in US acquisition

RACAL Electronics has signed an agreement to acquire a two-thirds holding in EFI Corporation, a US compressed air cylinder manufacturer with offices in California and Indiana, for $14 million. Racal has an option to buy the rest in three equal parts. It may make further payments up to a total of $106 million on a profits-related formula.

Albion ahead 9.7%

Albion, the Belfast-based maker and distributor of tailored menswear, increased pre-tax profits by 9.7 per cent to £484,000 in the six months to end-March despite difficult trading conditions. Turnover climbed from £5.71 million to £5.76 million. An associated company contributed a £24,000 loss. Earnings per share rise from 6.56p to 7.36p, and the interim dividend is improved to 1.4p, against 1.3p last time.

The company said its order position was reasonable considering the economic situation. However, it said that in the present trading conditions it would do well to maintain profits for the full year. The shares slipped by 3p to 45p.

Japanese fail to secure adoption of television system

From Michael Binyon in Brussels

THE European electronics industry has breathed a sigh of relief that a crucial international conference failed to adopt the Japanese high definition television system (HDTV) as the world standard. However, there are now fears that three incompatible systems – European, Japanese and American – will develop independently, to the ultimate cost of the consumer.

A meeting of the International Radio Consultative Committee in Düsseldorf, West Germany, has decided that more time and study are needed before a world production standard for HDTV can be decided.

Delegates from 166 countries did however, agree on five basic rules for sharper, brighter television pictures, covering such questions as studio production, common assessment of image quality and international exchange of HDTV programmes.

The Europeans fought hard against the committee – part of the United Nations' International Telecommunications Union – adopting the Japanese system, put forward by Japan's state broadcasting corporation, NHK. The Japanese MUSE system was the first to be developed, but the European Community, representing a consortium of manufacturers, is making swift progress with a rival MAC system. The United States has yet to develop a system, but several big concerns, including Zenith Electronics and AT&T, are researching high definition television projects.

At stake is a multi-billion pound industry. Adoption of the Japanese system would have given Japan a commanding advantage in television as well as video equipment. Japanese officials in Brussels have forecast that trade wars over television imports and high technology in general between Japan and EC countries will soon become even more acute than the vexed issue of Japanese car imports.

The European consortium is led by Philips, of the Netherlands, and the French manufacturer Thomson. A Philips spokesman expressed relief at the outcome of the Düsseldorf meeting, and said that the European proposals were now on an equal footing with the Japanese.

One French official was quoted after the meeting as saying that it was a battle for world technological supremacy. "The Japanese took an imperialistic approach, but now we have blocked them and shown that the European approach is credible," he said.

The Japanese began work 20 years ago on HDTV and have spent more than a billion dollars in development. They use a system of 1,125 scan lines at a frequency of 60 times a second. Pictures are not compatible with existing television sets, and new models cost nearly £3,000 each.

The European system, begun in 1986, sends 1,250 lines 50 times a second. Its pictures could be received by existing sets with converters. In the US, the Federal Communications Commission has said that it will not approve a standard that cannot be received by existing sets. The European consortium has strong backing from the Brussels Commission, and the companies involved are now asking for new public financing.

Japan began broadcasting demonstration HDTV programmes at the Seoul Olympics in 1988; the Europeans hope to have their system ready for demonstration at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

The agreements reached at Düsseldorf show that the atmosphere was less tense than at the last full meeting of the committee, in 1986, when the Europeans were just beginning HDTV. Manufacturers can now begin production of television displays that can be used anywhere in the world. Mr Ysushi Tadokoro, an NHK official, said that progress had been made and that the search for further compromises would continue.

The meeting will be followed up in October, in Tokyo, where further harmonization of HDTV will be discussed.

BA urges resistance to American 'inflexibility'

Attack on US flights bar

EUROPEAN airlines must stand up to American "inflexibility and divide-and-rule tactics" when it comes to sharing air routes, Lord King (left), chairman of British Airways, has said.

If US carriers wanted to compete on European routes, European airlines must be able to operate on American internal routes, he said.

Speaking in Brussels at an aircraft-naming ceremony, the BA chairman said: "We should be united in responding to their [US carriers'] one-sided demands with similar firmness."

The desire of US airlines to share in the European market was "fine, so long as European carriers have open access to the US internal markets."

"So far, the Americans have resisted our calls for fair play with an inflexibility born of long years of playing the game of divide and rule when dealing with European partners," Lord King said.

Lord King said of the referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of BA's stake in the Belgian carrier, Sabena, that it was odd that a "progressive venture" was now the matter for a "regressive process of inquiry."

Lord King named a Boeing 767 the City of Brussels, the first time BA has called an aircraft after a foreign place. Until now, its fleet has taken the names of British cities, castles, bridges, lochs, rivers and roses.

Damages for Clowes slur

A BUSINESSMAN and his company yesterday accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages from the *Mail on Sunday* for a wrongful accusation that they misused funds from the crashed investment company, Barlow Clowes, to build an army barracks in Libya

Mr Stuart Robertshaw and Nuke International, the Swiss-based building company of which he is managing director, also received an apology and costs in the High Court, in London, from Mail Newspapers and its journalist, Mr Peter Day.

Miss Heather Rogers, for Mr Robertshaw, told Mr Justice Michael Davies that an article headlined "Libya used Clowes Cash," published in October 1988, claimed that the Serious Fraud Office was to investigate what the newspaper called "the startling allegation" that investors in Barlow Clowes had unwittingly provided £20 million to finance barracks for Colonel Gadaffi.

"It was claimed that the Serious Fraud Office had been told that the Barlow Clowes money had been used as a performance bond to secure a £50 million contract for a Swiss-based company set up by a British businessman," she said.

"Taken as a whole, the defendants' article implied that the plaintiffs were guilty, or there was good reason for suspecting them to be guilty, of the fraudulent misuse of £20 million in funds which belonged to investors in Barlow Clowes."

However, there was no truth in the allegations and neither Mr Robertshaw, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, nor his company had anything to do with misusing Barlow Clowes funds, and had not been investigated by the SFO, she said.

US brokers pay staff in shares

THE hard times on Wall Street are forcing securities houses to move pay levels back to the days when partnerships dominated Wall Street.

Salomon Brothers and Shearson Lehman Hutton will soon join Merrill Lynch and Prudential-Bache Securities in paying staff in shares rather than in cash. Salomon's employees will get between 5 and 33 per cent of their bonuses in shares with the larger percentages going to the most highly paid employees.

Salomon's staff already owns just under 5 per cent of the company. Shearson is also revamping its pay system, aimed at tying employees' salaries more to the performance of their specific division.

Court apology to Next's ex-chief

MR GEORGE Davies, who was, until December 1988, chairman and chief executive of Next, his wife, Krystyna, and the clothes designer Frances Mossman accepted apologies and payment of costs in the High Court, in London, yesterday in settlement of their libel action over a newspaper's suggestion that they were to blame for the company's decline.

Mr Roderick Dadak, representing Associated Newspapers, told Mr Justice Michael Davies that it accepted that any suggestion in an article published in the *Daily Mail* on August 31, 1989, and written by the paper's fashion editor, that the decline of Next was due to dictatorial, selfish or irresponsible behaviour by the plaintiffs was "quite untrue and without foundation."

Mr Ian Mason, representing the plaintiffs, told the judge that the article suggested that Mr and Mrs Davies had been "dictatorial, selfish and irresponsible."

It had also suggested that Miss Mossman had "irresponsibly" employed inexperienced students as designers and had purchased "a large quantity of unsaleable stock," said Mr Mason.

Mr Davies was now chairman, and Mrs Davies a director, of George Davies Partnership, a fashion consultancy, and it employed Miss Mossman, formerly with Next, Mr Mason told the judge.

Inchcape sells Mercedes in Tokyo

From Lulu Yu in Hong Kong

SIR George Turnbull's Inchcape group has won a crucial foothold in Japan's car market with the establishment of a dealership for Mercedes-Benz.

The group's Hong Kong-based arm, Inchcape Pacific, has signed an agreement with the German car maker to set up a sales and service centre in Setagaya, Tokyo, for just under £20 million. The deal represents Inchcape's first investment in the Japanese car market, and is significant in that it was invited in by Mercedes-Benz. Inchcape already sells Mercedes-Benz cars in Britain and in Guam.

Inchcape has powerful connections with Japanese motor companies outside Japan, notably with Toyota, which it represents in 10 countries, including Britain, but also with Daihatsu, Mazda and Yamaha.

Inchcape, operating as Stern, the name used by Mercedes dealers in Japan, hopes to reach annual sales of at least 1,000 cars in four or five years. The move is seen as a first step in the group's planned expansion in Japan, where it already employs some 1,400 people in trading, marketing and other business services under the name Dodwell Japan.

Mr Charles Mackay, chairman of Inchcape Pacific, said: "We are delighted to be entering the Japan motors market with such a prestigious and successful marque as Mercedes-Benz. We hope and expect that this will be the beginning of a long, successful and expanding relationship between our two organizations in Japan."

The Mercedes, an unquestioned status symbol in Asia, has become increasingly popular in Japan. Last year, 31,500 were imported, 35 per cent more than in 1989. This year's sale target is 40,000.

Mr Bill Thompson, motors director of Inchcape Pacific, said that Inchcape sold more than 200,000 vehicles in more than 20 countries, and was the largest independent car distributor in the world.

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MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2835.63 (–19.92)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	32793.88 (+482.13)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3059.50 (+11.49)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	119.4 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO	1479.9 (+8.3)
Frankfurt: DAX	1823.17 (–8.63)
Brussels:	
General	n/a
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	638.8 (+2.0)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	1120.03 (–4.58)
FT.– "500"	1228.69 (–5.63)
FT. Gold Mines	211.2 (+1.5)
FT. Fixed interest	87.08 (–0.21)
FT. Govt Secs	78.25 (–0.11)
Bargains	25638
SEAQ Volume	385.6m
USM (Datastream)	131.70 (same)

*Denotes latest trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Wolver & Dud	370p (+10p)
Relyon	165p (+10p)
Watts Blake	386½p (+13p)
More O'Ferrall	245p (+10p)
Priest Marians	247½p (+15p)
STC	267p (+11p)
Thomson Corp	705p (+20p)
Lucas	645p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Allied Lyons	458½p (–11p)
Grand Met	589½p (–15½p)
Unidare	315p (–15p)
Ladbroke	296½p (–10p)
Amec	394½p (–13p)
Gibbs & Dandy	140p (–10p)
Shaftsbury	150p (–11p)
Glaxo	785p (–20p)
Hawker Siddeley	659p (–9p)

4pm prices

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	740.2	0.5	–12.2	0.2	–7.2	0.4	–8.1
(free)	141.3	0.5	–12.4	0.2	–7.3	0.4	–8.2
EAFE	1308.1	1.1	–16.0	0.4	–11.1	1.0	–12.0
(free)	134.2	1.1	–16.3	0.3	–11.4	1.0	–12.3
Europe	738.8	–0.7	–3.2	–0.4	–1.7	–0.8	1.5
(free)	158.2	–0.8	–3.3	–0.7	–2.0	–0.9	1.4
Nth America	513.4	–0.5	–4.6	–0.7	0.1	–0.7	0.0
Nordic	1569.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	3.6	0.1	5.6
(free)	247.3	0.1	5.1	0.6	7.9	–0.1	10.1
Pacific	3041.9	2.4	–23.3	1.0	–16.6	2.3	–19.6
Far East	4422.4	2.5	–23.6	1.1	–16.9	2.3	–19.9
Australia	291.7	1.3	–16.0	0.4	–9.5	1.2	–12.0
Austria	1758.8	0.1	18.3	0.9	23.4	0.0	24.0
Belgium	883.0	–0.3	–10.3	0.0	–8.6	–0.5	–6.0
Canada	498.5	–0.4	–17.0	–0.6	–11.1	–0.5	–13.0
Denmark	1327.1	–0.7	0.8	0.0	2.8	–0.9	5.6
Finland	99.9	–0.6	–13.4	–0.1	–11.5	–0.7	–9.2
(free)	142.4	–0.6	–4.5	–0.1	–2.4	–0.7	0.1
France	820.3	–1.0	1.4	–0.4	4.1	–1.1	6.3
Germany	905.7	–1.0	–1.3	–0.5	2.9	–1.2	3.4
Hong Kong	2313.7	0.5	4.3	0.4	9.0	0.4	9.3
Italy	391.4	–0.5	1.5	0.1	3.7	–0.6	6.4
Japan	4660.7	2.6	–24.4	1.1	–17.7	2.4	–20.8
Netherlands	869.7	–0.9	–6.0	–0.3	–4.5	–1.0	–3.6
New Zealand	85.5	1.3	–17.1	1.1	–10.0	1.2	–13.1
Norway	1569.3	–1.3	16.9	–0.8	20.3	–1.4	22.5
(free)	272.9	–1.3	16.8	–0.8	20.2	–1.5	22.4
Sing/Malay	2012.3	0.1	0.9	0.0	2.7	0.0	5.7
Spain	215.0	–0.6	–9.1	0.0	–8.7	–0.7	–4.8
Sweden	1751.6	1.2	–0.1	1.6	2.9	1.0	4.6
(free)	253.7	1.6	4.8	2.1	6.0	1.5	9.8
Switzerland	935.5	0.1	2.3	0.3	–0.9	–0.1	7.2
(free)	141.4	0.0	1.3	0.2	–1.9	–0.1	6.1
UK	671.3	–1.0	–6.9	–1.0	–6.9	–1.1	–2.5
USA	466.3	–0.5	–3.5	–0.7	1.1	–0.7	1.1

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	234	CU	585	Lloyds	1,143	Sears	7,407
Abbey Nat	2,007	Cookson	2,018	Lloyds Abb	973	Sedgwick	364
Alld-Lyons	2,252	Courtaulds	802	Lonrho	597	Shell	4,074
Amstrad	1,300	Dalgety	650	Lucas	1,036	Siebe	500
ASDA	4,025	Dixons	1,061	Manpower	n/a	Slough	262
AB Foods	250	ECC	409	M&S	4,460	Smith & N	2,731
Argyll	457	Enterprise	175	Maxwell Cm	691	SK Beech	1,440
BAA	1,003	Ferranti	745	MB Group	1,377	Do Uts	65
BET	1,425	Fisons	827	Mecca	5,875	Smith WH	14
BTR	2,033	FKI	4,174	MEPC	731	Smiths Ind	463
BAT	1,368	Gen Acc	321	Midland	2,292	STC	8,941
Barclays	2,745	GEC	3,370	Nat West	2,180	Stan Chart	224
Bass	555	Glaxo	2,661	Next	2,758	Storehse	758
Beazer	100	Globe Inv	1,126	Nth Food	885	Sun Alnce	1,524
Berisfd Intl	2,294	Glynwed	274	P&O	869	Sun Life	1
BICC	408	Granada	85	Pearson	112	T & N	91
Blue Circle	695	Grand Met	3,902	Pilkington	2,098	TI Group	41
BOC	742	GUS 'A'	173	Polly Peck	1,943	Tarmac	1,600
Boots	2,521	GRE	721	Prudential	1,314	Tate & Lyle	58
BPB	748	GKN	635	Racal	1,854	Taylor Wood	437
Br Aero	381	Guinness	1,570	Racal Tele	584	TSB	1,048
Br Airways	1,308	Hamm 'A'	85	Rk Hovis	956	Tesco	3,132
Br Comm	n/a	Hanson	3,607	Rank	1,098	Thames Wtr	1,062
Br Gas	2,963	Do Wts	757	R&C	98	Thorn EMI	1,156
Br Land	80	H & C	2,926	Redland	751	Trafalgar	569
Br Petrol	5,351	Hawker	2,657	Reed	607	THF	1,548
Br Steel	6,127	Hillsdown	754	Reuters	293	Ultramar	2,083
Br Telecm	9,970	IMI	65	RMC Gp	357	Unigate	538
Bunzl	179	ICI	538	RTZ	943	Unilever	806
Burmah	259	Inchcape	506	R-Royce	3,677	United Bis	615
Burton	1,396	Kingfisher	990	Rothmn 'B'	211	Utd News	208
C&W	833	Lasmo	512	Royal Bank	543	Wellcome	442
Cadbury	1,452	Ladbroke	4,129	Royal Ins	1,732	Whitbrd	190
Calor	268	Land Sec	281	Saatchi	1,269	Williams	181
Carlton	332	Laporte	96	Sainsbury	1,210	Wills Fab	669
Coats	286	L&G	491	Scot & N	537	Wimpey G	413

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
ABI Leisure (125p)	125 –1	First Ireland (100p)	91 +2
ADG Group (14p)	17	Fleming Euro IT	96 –1
Abtrust New Euro (100p)	100	French Prop Tst	99 +1
Amercoeur	125	German IT	92
Argos Plc	212 +3	Henderson Highland (100p)	96
Beta Global Emerg (100p)	93	Invergordon	137
Bioplan Hldgs	23	Malaysia Capital	£$8\frac{13}{16}$
Buckingham Nw	84	Mrtn Currie Euro (100p)	110
Cahill May Nw (55p)	58	Midland Radio	135 +3
Castle Cairn (50p)	47	Novalal (100p)	103 –1
Courtaulds Textiles	262 –5	Nthn Investors	201
Dakota Gp Nw	39	QS Hldgs (100p)	115
Dartmoor Inv Tst (100p)	97	Siam Select (100p)	100 +1
EFM Java Tst	47	Torday & Carlisle (155p)	160
F&C German	125 –1	Ventus Inv Tst	10

See main listing for Water shares

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon (*459)	420	42	57	70	5	10	13
	460	17	32	47	24	28	30
	500	5	16	30	57	58	59
ASDA (*103)	90	17	19	22	1½	4	6½
	100	10	12	16	4½	7	9
	110	5	7½	11	10	13	14
Bass (*1043)	950	105	142	162	5	12	20
	1000	62	102	124	15	27	35
	1050	30	73	97	35	50	60
Boots (*278)	240	39	42	46	2	3	4½
	260	20	28	34	6	9	12
	280	7	16	23	17	19	20
Brit Air (*206)	180	25	32	35	1½	3½	4½
	200	9	17	22	7	10	12
	220	3	6½	13	21	22	23
Brit Com (*n/a)	50	1	1	–	50	50	–
	60	1	1	–	60	54	–
	70	1	1	–	70	70	–
BP (*316)	300	24	33	39	3½	6	8
	330	6½	15	21	16	19	21
	360	2	6½	–	45	44	–
Brit Steel (*148)	130	17	18	20	1½	2½	4
	140	8	10½	13	4½	6	8
	160	½	3½	5½	22	22	24
C & W (*516)	460	65	82	97	4½	8	12
	500	35	55	72	15	19	24
	550	10	28	45	44	46	49
Cons Union (*287)	420	59	66	68	3	7	10
	460	28	40	56	10	19	22
	500	10	20	37	36	40	42
Courtauld (*333)	297	42	44	–	3½	7	–
	327	11	24	–	12	19	–
	357	3	–	–	40	–	–
GKN (*377)	360	30	39	52	5	13	15
	390	11	23	35	20	25	29
	420	4	11	21	46	48	47
Grand Met (*591)	500	103	113	–	1½	3½	–
	550	55	78	97	5½	13	18
	600	24	38	63	23	33	35
ICI (*1166)	1100	100	124	159	10	25	30
	1150	64	90	129	23	42	47
	1200	35	64	97	47	65	70
Kingfisher (*311)	280	28	38	48	5½	9	14
	300	14	25	36	11	15	20
	330	4	12	21	32	35	37
Ladbroke (*217)	280	19	33	39	5½	9	12
	300	10	23	29	16	19	21
	330	4½	10	17	43	44	45
Land Sec (*486)	460	33	48	58	6	16	19
	500	8	26	37	32	37	40
	550	2	10	21	79	80	80
M & S (*219)	180	36	43	48	1	2	3
	200	18	26	32	3	4½	7
	220	6	14	19	12	14	18
STC (*269)	220	54	59	–	1½	4	–
	240	35	44	58	4	9	11
	260	21	30	43	10	15	18
Sainsbury (*283)	240	43	51	57	1	2	3½
	260	24	33	41	3	5	7
	280	10	19	27	12	14	16
Shell (*454)	420	50	60	78	3	6	10
	460	18	32	48	14	20	23
	500	6	14	28	46	45	47
Smid Beech (*524)	460	75	87	101	2	6	9
	500	40	57	73	8	15	20
	550	13	28	45	32	37	45
Storehse (*110)	100	11	14	19	4	5½	7
	110	5	9	13	8	9½	12
	120	2½	6	9	16	16	17
Trafalgar (*310)	280	40	52	58	2½	7	11
	300	24	36	43	6	13	18
	330	8	20	27	25	28	33
Ultramar (*344)	300	53	63	75	2½	5	8
	330	26	40	53	7	13	15
	360	12	23	35	20	25	27
Unilever (*665)	600	75½	95½	114	2½	6	8
	650	34	57½	77½	12	18½	20½
	700	9½	30½	48½	41½	45½	46½
	750	2½	–	–	81½	–	–
Utd Bisc (*340)	300	50	58	67	1½	4	5
	330	22	35	45	6	11	13
	360	8	18	28	22	25	26
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*403)	360	52	64	–	4	5	–
	390	29	40	48	9	14	17
	420	13	25	34	25	30	32
BAT Ind (*697)	659	65	–	–	10	–	–
	709	33	52	–	26	35	–
	759	11	32	–	70	70	–
	809	6	18	–	120	120	–
BTR (*414)	360	69	74	–	2	5	–
	390	42	51	65	6	12	15
	420	23	31	45	17	25	27
Brit Aero (*523)	460	78	87	–	5	10	–
	500	48	60	77	14	22	29
	550	21	33	49	38	45	50
Brit Tele (*278)	240	46	51	–	2½	3	–
	260	29	32	39	6	6½	9
	280	13	21	28	14	17	19
Cadbury (*334)	300	45	54	65	4½	7	9
	330	24	34	45	13	17	19
	360	11	18	29	33	34	37
Guinness (*710)	600	130	147	–	2	4	–
	650	86	105	128	6	11	15
	700	49	70	95	22	25	29
GEC (*201)	180	27	29	36	2½	5	5½
	200	10	17	22	10	12	14
	220	3½	9	12½	24	25	26
Hanson (*226)	200	33	40	–	1½	2	–
	220	18½	24½	27½	5	7	9½
	240	5½	12½	16½	17	18	20
LASMO (*385)	333	65	–	–	4	–	–
	367	40	53	–	11	11	–
	400	18	33	–	26	28	–

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
P & O (*604)	550	76	86	–	3½	8½	–
	600	36½	50	65	15½	23½	25½
	650	13½	25	42½	46½	51½	53½
Pilkington (*192)	180	17	24	32	5½	8	10
	200	6	14	20	18	20	21
	220	3	7	11	35	35	35
Polly Peck (*406)	350	36½	61½	–	2½	5	–
	382	43½	55½	–	7	10½	–
	418	21½	37½	–	21½	25½	–
Prudential (*215)	180	42	45	–	1½	3	–
	200	24	29	37	4	7	8
	220	12	17	24	12	14	16
Racal (*211)	200	21	30	36	8	10	12
	220	10	19	25	18	19	21
	240	4½	11	16	31	32	35
RTZ (*547)	500	59	82	97	4	8	12
	550	30	49	67	16	24	30
	600	11	25	35	55	55	59
Scot & New (*317)	300	32	40	[illegible]	10	15	17
	330	13	[illegible]	30	27	31	33
	360	5	10	[illegible]	55	55	55
Tesco (*218)	180	42½	44½	–	1	1½	–
	200	24½	26½	38	3	6½	6½
	220	11	16½	25½	10½	13	13½
Thames Wtr (*140)	120	23	24	–	1½	3	–
	130	14	16	22	6	7	9
	140	7½	9½	16	12	12	14
	160	2½	4	8	29	29	31
Wtr Package (*1499)	1400	150	170	–	60	80	–
	1450	110	140	–	100	110	–
	1500	80	110	130	130	150	170
	1550	50	80	100	170	180	200
	Series	Jul	Sep		Jul	Sep	
Ferranti (*37)	35	5	6	7½	2½	4	5
	40	2	3½	4	6	6	7
	45	1	–	–	9½	–	–
	Series	Jul	Aug	Oct	Jul	Aug	Oct
Reuters (*1156)	1100	69	[illegible]	[illegible]	9½	24	33½
	1150	35	[illegible]	[illegible]	26½	42½	51½
	1200	14½	47	–	58½	71	–
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat (*195)	160	37	42	44	1	1	1½
	180	18	25	28	2	4	5½
	200	4½	11	16	9	13	14
Amstrad (*67)	60	8½	13	15	1½	3½	4½
	70	3	7	10	7	8	9
	80	½	4	7	14	15	15½
Barclays (*384)	329	59	–	–	1	–	–
	357	34	48	52	2	11	15
	393	7	20	32	16	28	31
	429	1½	8	18	50	55	56
Blue Circ (*247)	200	51	60	64	1	2	4
	220	31	40	48	2½	5	7
	240	14	24	31	6	10	14
	260	5	16	–	16	21	–
Brit Gas (*212)	180	35	37	41	1	1½	2½
	200	15	18	25	1	6	8
	220	3½	8	14	9	17	18
	240	1½	3	–	28	35	–
Dixons (*128)	110	18	22	26	1	2½	4
	120	9	15	20	3	6	10
	130	3½	9	14	8	12	14
Glaxo (*787)	750	60	94	107	8	14	23
	775	42	–	–	10	–	–
	800	24	60	75	21	34	42
	850	7	34	52	55	57	69
Hawker (*659)	600	67	[illegible]	110	5	12	17
	650	28	60	70	14	25	32
	700	9	34	42	45	47	54
Hillsdown (*247)	220	31	40	47	1	4½	7
	240	14	26	33	4½	[illegible]	12
	260	5	15	23	17	18	20
Lonrho (*244)	218	31	35	44	2	4	7
	236	[illegible]	23	[illegible]	4	10	15
	255	5	11	23	15	22	23
Midland (*277)	280	14	20	32	13	22	27
	300	6	14	22	29	35	38
	330	1	7	[illegible]	56	62	63
R-Royce (*212)	160	54	61	63	½	½	2
	180	34	41	45	½	1½	3½
	200	14½	25	30	2½	5½	7
Sears (*98)	80	14	18½	21	2½	[illegible]	[illegible]
	90	6	11	14	3	5½	6½
	100	2	5½	8½	9	12	12½
THF (*276)	240	39	47	54	½	3	4
	260	20	32	37	2½	6	9
	280	7½	18	24	10½	13½	17
Thorn EMI (*721)	600	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	5	8
	650	82	90	113	3	11	16
	700	40	52	75	11	27	32
TSB (*133)	120	16	19	22	1	2½	4
	130	7	11	15	3	5	7
	140	2	6	10	9	11	14
Vaal Reefs (*$78)	70	13	15	18	2	5	8
	80	5	8	13	6	10	12
Wellcome (*651)	600	70	–	–	3	–	–
	650	30	65	87	16	32	40
	700	11	40	64	52	60	67

FT-SE INDEX (*2283)

	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450
Calls						
May	70	27	4½	1½	1	½
Jun	107	73	45	27	14	6
Jul	133	98	72	50	34	22
Aug	160	125	95	70	52	–
Dec	223	–	160	–	108	–
Puts						
May	6	15	48	96	146	196
Jun	24	40	65	99	145	195
Jul	40	58	77	110	140	182
Aug	47	65	86	117	150	–
Dec	65	–	105	–	160	–

May 25, 1990 Total: 25935 Calls 12977 Puts 12958 FT-SE: Calls 4103 Puts 5825

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 21	June 1	August 16	August 28

Call options were taken out on: 25/5/90 Coloroll, Control Securities, Gaelic Resources, Lonrho, Mecca, Tuskar Resources, Yale & Valor.

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WALL STREET

Dow drops 25 points

New York

THE Dow Jones industrial average was down by 25 *points* to 2,830.55 in early trading.

Shares remained broadly lower with blue chips falling further after Adobe Systems estimated its second-quarter earnings as being far below Wall Street's estimates. Adobe sank 15¾ to 34¾ in over-the-counter trading. *IBM*, a member of the Dow 30, was one of the most active issues, dropping 1¼ to 117½. Selling also came from short-covering before the weekend. *(Reuter)*

	May 24 close	May 23 close
Abbott Lab	73¾	73
Aetna Life	52⅝	52¾
Ahmanson	20⅛	20⅜
Air Prods	55	55⅝
Albertsons	63⅝	63¾
Alcan Al	21	21⅛
Alco Stand	35⅞	35⅞
Allied Signal	35⅜	35⅝
Alumin CA	65⅝	66⅛
Am Brands	67⅝	69
Am Cyanmd	57	57⅞
Am EPC	28⅝	29⅝
Am General	48⅝	48⅜
Am Home	52⅞	52⅝
Am Intl	100⅝	99⅝
Am Medical	n/a	n/a
Am Stores	66⅛	69⅝
Amax	24⅛	25⅛
Amer Hess	48⅝	48
Ameritech	63⅝	63⅝
Amex	29⅜	29⅜
Amoco	52⅝	53⅛
AMP	54	53⅝
AMR	64⅝	64⅝
Anheuser-B	41⅝	41⅜
Apple Comp	42	42⅛
Archer-Dan	25⅝	25⅝
Arkla	22⅛	22⅝
Armstrong	36⅜	37
Asarco	26⅝	27⅜
Ashland Oil	39⅝	38⅝
AT&T	42⅛	43⅛
Atlan Richfld	118⅝	119⅝
Auto DP	57⅞	57⅝
Avery Intl	28⅜	28⅝
Avon Prod	35⅝	35⅝
Baltimore	28⅝	28
Banc One	30	30
Bankamerica	30⅝	30⅝
Bard	18⅛	17¾
Barnett Bk	35⅞	34⅝
Bausch Lmb	62	62
Baxter Intl	22⅛	22⅞
Bec Dickin	67	64⅝
Bell Atlan	51⅝	52⅝
Bellsouth	55⅝	55⅝
Bet Hughes	27⅝	28⅝
Black Decker	14⅝	14⅝
Block	37⅜	38
Bnkrs Tst NY	43	43⅝
Boeing	82⅝	81
Boise Casc	36⅝	36⅝
Borden	34⅛	34
Brist-Myer	61⅝	61⅝
Browng-Fer	41⅛	41⅝
Burl Nth	38⅝	37⅝
CAI	14⅛	15⅛
Campbell Sp	58⅛	52⅛
Cap Cities	501	503⅝
Capital HC	47⅝	46⅝
Carolina	44⅛	44⅛
Caterpillar	57⅞	57⅝
CBS	197⅝	199
Central SW	40⅛	40⅛
Champion	30⅝	30⅝
Chase Man	26⅝	26⅝
Chem Bnkg	27	27
Chevron	68⅝	68⅝
Chrysler	15⅝	15⅝
Chubb	85⅝	85⅝
Cigna	52	51⅛
Citicorp	23⅜	23⅝
[illegible]	28⅝	[illegible]
Clorox	41⅝	41⅝
Cmwlth Edis	39	39⅝
CNA Fincl	75⅛	74⅜
Coastal	33	33⅛
Coca-Cola	45⅝	44⅝
Colgate-Pal	63⅛	63⅝
Columb Gas	44⅜	45
Compaq	122	122⅞
Conagra	31⅛	31⅛
Cons Edis	24⅛	24⅛
Cons NG	46⅝	46⅝
Cons Rail	44⅝	44⅝
Cooper Ind	43⅝	44⅛
Corning	50⅝	51⅝
CPC Intl	74⅛	74⅜
Crown Cork	90⅝	89⅝
CSX	32⅝	32⅝
Dana	36⅝	35⅝
Dayton-Hud	73	74⅝
Deere	72⅝	73
Delta Air	78⅝	78⅝
Deluxe	32⅝	32⅝
Detroit Ed	27	27⅝
Digital Eq	82⅝	81⅝
Dillard	78⅝	78⅝
Disney	118	118⅝
Dominion	49⅝	45⅛
Donnelley	44⅝	44⅝
Dover	40⅝	40⅝
Dow Chem	63⅝	64⅝
Dow Jones	27⅝	27⅝
Dresser Ind	50⅝	51⅝
Du Pont	40⅝	40⅝
Duke Pwr	55⅝	55⅝
Dun Bradst	47⅝	47⅝
East Kodak	41⅛	40⅝
Eaton	61⅝	61⅝
Emerson El	41⅝	41⅝
Enron	54⅜	55⅝
Entergy	19⅝	19⅝
Ethyl	29⅜	28⅝
Exxon	47⅝	47⅝
Fed NMA	40⅝	40⅝
Fedrl Exprs	46⅛	48⅝
Flt Norstar	22⅝	22½
Fluor	46⅝	46⅝
Ford Motor	46⅝	47⅛
FPL	31⅛	32⅝
Fst Chicago	31⅛	31⅝
Fst Intrstn	[illegible]	37⅝
Fst Union	[illegible]	20
Gannett	39⅝	39⅝
Gen Cinema	22⅛	22⅝
Gen Elec	69⅝	68⅝
Gen Mills	78⅝	78⅝
Gen Motors	48⅜	49
Gen Re	86⅝	86⅝
Gen Signal	59⅝	58⅝
Genentech	28⅝	28⅝
Genuine Pts	40⅝	40⅝
Georgia-Pac	45	45⅝
Gillette	55⅝	55⅝
Goodrich	44⅝	44
Goodyear	34⅝	34⅝
Grace	[illegible]	27⅜
Greyhound	28⅝	28⅝
Gt Atlantic	57⅝	58⅝
Gt Nor Nek	65⅝	65⅝
Gt Western	18⅛	18⅛
GTE	65⅝	65⅝
Halliburtn	47⅝	48⅝
Heinz	34⅝	33⅝
Hercules	37⅝	37⅝
Hershey Fd	34⅝	34⅝
Hewlett Pkd	47⅝	47⅝
Hilton Htl	51⅛	48⅝
Home Depot	58⅝	58⅝
Homestake	19	18⅝
Honeywell	99⅝	98⅝
Houston Ind	32⅝	32⅝
Hsehld Intl	47⅝	46⅝
Humana	46⅝	46⅝
IBM	118⅝	118⅝
IF&F	58⅝	65⅝
Illinois TW	55⅝	55⅝
Inco	25⅝	25⅝
Ingsol-Rand	59⅝	59⅝
Inland Steel	33⅝	33⅝
Intel	48⅝	48
Intl Paper	50⅝	51⅝
ITT	58⅝	56⅝
James River	25	24⅝
Johnsn Jnsn	63⅝	62⅝
K Mart	34⅝	34⅝
Kellogg	65⅝	65⅝
Kerr-McGee	48⅝	48⅝
Kimbly-Clrk	69⅝	69⅝
Knght-Rddr	49⅝	49⅝
Lilly	78⅝	77⅝
Limited	48	47⅝
Lin Brdcstg	72	69⅝
Lincln Nat	54⅝	54⅝
Litton Ind	75⅝	75⅝
Lockheed	35⅝	35⅝
Louis-Pac	44⅝	44⅝
Manu Hano	36	35⅝
Marriott	84⅝	84⅝
Marsh Mclen	77⅝	75
Martin Mar	42	43
Masco	24⅝	24⅝
May Dept	58	57
Maytag	18⅝	18⅝
MCA	59⅝	60⅝
McDnl Doug	46	46
McDonalds	35⅝	34⅝
McGraw-Hill	55⅝	55⅝
MCI Com	43	43
Mead	39⅝	39⅝
Medtronic	74⅝	75⅝
Melville	51⅝	51⅝
Merck	82⅝	82
Merril Lynch	25	24⅝
MMM	83⅝	82⅝
Mobil	61⅝	62⅝
Monsanto	103⅝	103⅝
Moore	28	27⅝
Morgan	37⅝	36⅝
Motorola	80⅝	80⅝
Nat Medical	36⅝	36⅝
Nat Service	26⅝	26⅝
Navistar	4	3⅝
NCNB	37⅝	36⅝
NCR	69⅝	69⅝
NBD Bncp	32⅝	32⅝
Newmnt Min	48⅝	48⅝
Niagr Mhwk	14	14⅝
Nike	81⅝	78⅝
NL Industrs	17⅝	18⅝
Nordstorm	31	31⅝
Norfik Sthn	41⅝	41⅝
Norton	58⅝	58⅝
Norwest	21⅝	21⅝
Nthn St Pwr	36⅝	36
Nthn Telcm	28	28
NY Times	24	23⅝
Nynex	86⅝	86⅝
Occid Petrl	27⅝	27⅝
Ohio Ed	20⅝	20⅝
Oracle Sys	19⅝	19⅝
Oryx Enrgy	45⅝	46⅝
Pac Ent	43⅝	43⅝
Pac Gas Elec	[illegible]	23
Pac Telesis	46⅝	46⅝
Paccar	39⅝	39⅝
Pacificrop	21⅛	21⅛
Pall	34⅝	33⅝
Paramount	47⅝	48⅝
Parker-Hanfn	30⅝	30⅝
Penney	65⅝	66
Pennzoil	74⅝	76⅝
Pepsico	71⅝	71⅝
Pfizer	63⅝	63⅝
Phlps Pet	25⅝	25⅝
Philips Elec	16⅝	16⅝
Philp Morris	44⅝	45⅝
Phelps Dodge	59⅝	61⅝
Pitney Bow	50⅝	50⅝
[illegible]	16	16⅝
PNC Fncl	37⅝	38⅝
Pnhdle Estn	25⅝	25⅝
Polaroid	42⅝	42⅝
PPG Inds	48⅝	48⅝
Prctr Gmble	79	79⅝
Price	36⅝	37⅝
Primerica	32⅝	32⅝
Pub Service	28⅝	28⅝
Quaker Oats	49⅝	49⅝
Ralston Pur	89⅝	89⅝
Raychem	33⅝	[illegible]
Raytheon	62⅝	63⅝
Reebok	18⅝	18⅝
Roadway	36⅝	36⅝
Rockwell	26⅝	26⅝
Rohm Haas	34⅝	34⅝
Royal Dutch	78⅝	78⅝
Rubbermaid	38⅝	38⅝
Ryndls Mtl	56⅝	56⅝
Safeco	37⅝	37⅝
Salomon	24⅝	24⅝
Sant Fe Pac	21⅝	21⅝
Sara Lee	29⅝	29⅝
Schecorp	38⅝	38⅝
Schlumbgr	56⅝	57⅝
Schrng-Plgh	50⅝	50⅝
Scott Papr	43⅝	43
Seagram	87⅝	86⅝
Sears Rbk	38⅝	37⅝
Sectry Pac	39⅝	39⅝
Shrwn-Wlms	39	38⅝
Snap-on Tls	35⅝	35⅝
Southern	24⅝	24⅝
[illegible]	31	31⅝
St Paul	[illegible]	59⅝
Stanley Wk	33⅝	34⅝
Stone Cntr	19⅝	19⅝
Sun Co	[illegible]	38⅝
Suntst Bk	23⅝	23⅝
Super Valu	26⅝	26
SW Bell	56⅝	57⅝
Syntex	57⅝	57⅝
Sysco	34⅝	34⅝
Tandem	28⅝	28⅝
Tandy	34⅝	33⅝
Tele-comm	15⅝	15⅝
Teledyne	25⅝	26⅝
Temple-In	35⅝	35⅝
Tenneco	68⅝	68
Texaco	58⅝	59⅝
Texas Inst	40⅝	43⅝
Texas Util	36⅝	36⅝
Textron	[illegible]	34
Time Wrnr	107	104⅝
Times Mirr	32⅝	32⅝
Timken	35⅝	35⅝
Torchmark	45⅝	46
Toys R Us	45⅝	45⅝
Transam	38⅝	38⅝
Travelers	29⅝	29⅝
Tribune	49⅝	43⅝
TRW	49⅝	49⅝
Tyco Lab	48⅝	48⅝
UAL	151⅝	153⅝
Un Camp	37⅝	37⅝
Un Carbide	20⅝	19⅝
Un Pacific	70⅝	70⅝
Unilever	79⅝	80⅝
Unisys	14⅝	14⅝
Unocal	29⅝	30⅝
Upjohn	39⅝	39
US West	n/a	38⅝
Usair Gp	28⅝	27⅝
USF&G	28⅝	28⅝
UST	28⅝	30
USX	34	33⅝
Utd Tech	57⅝	58⅝
Utd Telcm	44⅝	44
VF	30⅝	30
Wal-Mart	58	58⅝
Walgreen	44⅝	44⅝
Waste Mgmt	39⅝	39⅝
Wells Fargo	75⅝	75⅝
Westg Elec	[illegible]	34⅝
Weyerhsr	29⅝	29⅝
Whirlpool	29⅝	29⅝
Whitman	27⅝	27⅝
Winn-Dixie	65⅝	65⅝
Woolworth	64⅝	64⅝
Wrigley	59⅝	57⅝
Wrner-Lamb	60⅝	60
Xerox	49⅝	49

STOCK MARKET

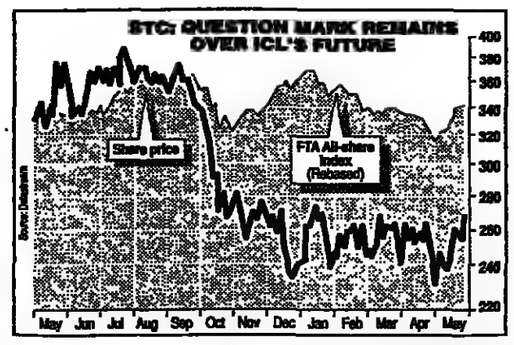
Sudden reverse in futures drags share prices lower

SHARE prices spent most of yesterday playing a game of follow-the-leader with the futures market as the two-week account drew to a close on a flat note.

The FT-SE 100 series, which has been trading at a healthy premium to the cash market for the past couple of weeks, suddenly went into reverse, dipping below the 2,300 level and dragging share prices lower. Trading in the *equity market remained low*-key with investors and market-makers unwilling to open positions before the extended weekend break. There was also some caution before trading started on Wall Street with dealers talking about a sharp opening fall on the news that one leading arbitrageur had been forced to cease trading.

But selling was easily contained and turnover remained thin with just 277 million shares traded by late afternoon. The FT-SE 100 index was 17.4 down at 2,260.80 at *2.30 pm, having fluctuated in* narrow limits throughout most of the day. The FT index of 30 shares also shed 8.6 at 1,796.6. Some profit-taking was inevitable after the recent strong rally which briefly carried the market back above the 2,300 level earlier this week to its highest level for three months.

Government securities spent a mixed day before closing with falls of around £⅛. The threat of renationalization if the Labour Party is returned to power at the next General Election hit the water companies. Falls were recorded in **Anglian**, 1½p to 158p, **Northumbrian**, 5p to 165p, **North West**, 2½p to 156p, **Severn Trent**, 3p tp 134p, **Southern**, 2p to 131p, **South West**, 1p to 160p, **Thames**, 3p to 140p, **Welsh**, 2p to 166p, and **Yorkshire**, 4p to 160p. The water package lost £28 at £1,495.



STC, the electronics and telecommunications group, jumped 14p to 270p, buoyed by reports that Fujitsu, the Japanese computer manufacturer, was still negotiating to take a large stake in its ICL *subsidiary*.

British Telecom showed signs of running out of steam, ending 7p lower at 279p on profit-taking in the wake of this week's full-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £2.4 billion to £2.7 billion. Analysts have now upgraded their forecast for the current year to £3.1 billion, cheered by the benefits expected from recent spending cuts and restructuring.

Euro Disneyland was a weak market, falling 47p to £11. Walt Disney, which owns 49 per cent of the shares, has issued $1.5 billion of zero-coupon bonds, 2005, to help finance the expansion of its theme parks during the next decade. The bonds are convertible into cash, equivalent to a 15 per cent premium to the Euro Disney share price on the day the bonds are issued.

The story has been doing the rounds for sometime and there were whispers last month that the talks had broken down. The Japanese are regarded as being slow at negotiating deals. In the past, ICL has also been linked with the Italian group Olivetti, but STC has always played down suggestions that it was looking for a partner to share the heavy research and development costs involved in the business.

Ladbroke, the betting, hotels and property group, was a weak market, falling 8p to 297p with brokers becoming increasingly concerned about the group's exposure to the US commercial property market which remains depressed.

Ladbroke has a number of developments on the eastern seaboard. Dealers say the group's position has not been helped by one big bear who has been trying to push the price lower in order to cover his position.

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing, hotels and food retailing group, continued to reel from the news that the group has decided not to dispose of its Alpo Petfoods business in the US. There is growing concern about the group's high level of gearing which is now nudging towards the 100 per cent level. Earlier this week, Warburg Securities *cut its profit forecast for the* current year by £27 million to £913 million, blaming rising interest charges.

Expected disposals, aimed at reducing the group's level of borrowings have failed to materialize and the recent "pubs-for-breweries" deal with Elders IXL has been referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Elsewhere in the drinks sector, there were falls for **Allied-Lyons**, 6p to 464p, **Bass**, 5p to £10.41, **Scottish & Newcastle**, 2p to 317p, and **Whitbread A**, *3p to 414p*.

Ranks Hovis McDougall failed to hold on to an early lead with this week's profits warning from the company continuing to overshadow the share price. It ended 1p cheaper at 360p after briefly touching 364p. Dealers said the early flurry had been prompted by the news that Sir James Goldsmith's Hoylake consortium had disposed of its holding of 19 million shares. The speculators are now hoping Sir James will turn his *attention to RHM where* he already owns a near 30 per cent stake under the name Sunningdale and is currently sitting on a paper loss. BAT finished 5p lower at 698p.

Michael Clark

Hang Seng moves ahead 11 points

Hong Kong

THE blue-chip Hang Seng index ended ahead, but off its highs on profit-taking before a three-day weekend. The Hang Seng ended 11.49 points higher at 3,059.50 and the broader-based Hong Kong index 8.07 up at 2,006.98.

A broker at a British firm said: "Early buying was a *follow-on from* Thursday. But a lot of traders are sitting on good profits." Brokers said that sentiment was positive now that President Bush had supported a renewal of China's most favoured nation status — crucial to Hong Kong's re-export trade.

The Hang Seng index surged early and briefly passed 3,067.67 — the level it reached on April 19 and the highest *since it plunged by 21.47 per* cent on June 5, the day after China launched a crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

The market will be closed on Monday for a holiday.

● Frankfurt — Shares drifted lower in extremely thin trading as many investors extended Thursday's Ascension Day holiday into a long weekend. The DAX index ended 8.63 lower at 1,823.17.

● Sydney — The market ended firmer, mainly on short covering as investors bought stock that had been oversold during the week. The All-Ordinaries index ended 8.3 up at 1,479.9, slightly off its high of 1,480.4.

● Singapore — Prices closed mixed after quiet trading as most institutions watched from the sidelines. The *Straits Times* industrial index fell 2.93 to 1,565.35. *(Reuter)*

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	5.00	5.10	4.08	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	10.88	10.88	8.70	25,000-50,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	8.50	11.50	9.20	25,000-50,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	10.43	10.43	8.34	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	11.01	11.01	8.81	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	10.53	10.53	8.42	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2805
" " "	10.53	10.53	8.42	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2805
NatWest	10.63	10.63	8.50	10,000-24,000	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	10.63	10.63	8.50	10,000-24,000	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	10.45	10.97	8.78	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	9.50	9.84	7.87	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	7.10	7.30	5.84	No min‡	none	01 626 6543
Girobank	9.25	9.25	7.40	1,000‡	none	051 966 2078
Lloyds HICA	7.00	7.20	5.76	500‡	none	01-325 3066
Midland HICA	9.50	9.84	7.87	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	9.00	9.31	7.45	500‡	none	01-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	9.75	10.11	8.08	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB (England & Wales)	9.00	9.00	7.20	2,000‡	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	9.90	9.90	7.92	250 min	none	—
National & Prov	10.50	10.50	8.40	500 min	none	—
Britannia	11.30	11.30	9.03	5,000 min	60 day	—
Abbey National	11.55	11.55	9.24	10,000 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	12.89	12.89	10.31	10,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Chelsea	11.50	11.50	9.19	5,000 min	none	—
Guardian	12.26	12.26	9.80	3,000 min	30 day	—
St Pancras	12.25	12.25	9.79	3,000 min	60 day	—
Mornington	11.95	12.31	9.84	10,000 min	90 day	—
Standard	12.70	12.70	10.15	5,000 min	6 mths	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	3.75	3.75	3.00	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	6.90	6.90	5.52	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	6.00	6.00	4.80	500 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	12.75	9.56	7.65	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*■	12.50	9.38	7.50	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	12.50	9.38	7.50		3 mth	041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	12.00	9.02	7.23	100-no max	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
American Life	12.60	12.60	10.71	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Canterbury life	11.25	11.25	9.56	1,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Windsor Life	11.37	11.37	9.66	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
Chase de Vere	11.00	11.00	9.35	5,000 min	4 yrs	01 404 5766
Premium Life	11.00	11.00	9.35	1,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (April 89-90)	+9.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	172.00
Bank Base Rate	15.0%	French Francs:	9.33
Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachmas:	270.00
Credit Card	18.5-31%	Italian Lira:	2038.00

¹ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ‡ Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums □ No longer on sale ■ 1% increase on May 4, also Deposit Bond

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LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Cheltenham & Glou. 0452 372372	14.40	negotiable	80	Guaranteed 1% below standard for 1 year.
Halifax 0422 333333	14.60	£100K+	80	Apex Mortgage
Woolwich 081 298 5000	14.75	£60K+	100	Prem.mortgage.Rate 0.5% after 5 years.
BANKS				
Girobank 051 966 2078	14.70	£50K+	95	
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Leamington Mortg.	14.45	£25-250K	95	Rate held to 1.10.90 Endowment Only.

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 071-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	13.72	14.45	+0.03	..
Bear	13.88	14.50	-0.02	..
Owl	16.25	17.11	..	..
Bull	14.85	15.64	+0.08	..
Stag	15.17	15.97	+0.09	..
Gilt Edged		11.69	+0.04	..
Deposit		12.32	+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	16.81	17.70	+0.04	..
Bear	16.83	17.72	-0.03	..
Owl	21.16	22.28	-0.01	..
Bull	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.1	..
Stag	18.33	19.30	+0.12	..
Gilt Edged		13.59	+0.04	..
Deposit		14.38	+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	193.9	203.9	+0.75	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	299.1	314.8	-0.8	..
Do Accum	461.0	485.3	-0.8	..
Equity Fund Income	129.8	136.6	+0.2	..
Do Accum	150.7	158.7	+0.5	..
Selective Fund	346.2	364.5	..	..
Money Fund	279.9	294.7	+0.6	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	363.8	383.0	+1.5	..
Equity Ser 4	154.3	162.5	+0.4	..
Man Ser 4	442.4	465.7	+1.6	..
Conv Ser 4	245.1	258.1	+0.6	..
Money Ser 4	248.9	262.1	+0.5	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	214.4	225.7	-0.9	..
American Ser 4	328.6	345.9	+4.1	..
High Inc Ser 4	459.8	484.0	+1.1	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	145.2	152.9	-0.4	..
Japan Ser 4	302.4	318.4	+4.9	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£10.50	11.05	-0.05	..
European Fd Accum	302.3	318.2	-1.5	..
Fixed Int Acc	339.7	357.5	+0.3	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	255.4	268.8	+0.4	.
Intl Man Fd Acc	411.3	432.9	+1.6	.
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	209.8	220.8	-0.6	..
Japan Fund	299.4	315.1	+1.6	..
Nth American Fd Acc	231.3	243.4	+0.7	..
Prop Fd Acc	337.3	355.0	-0.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	725.1	763.3	-1.9	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed Int	148.3	156.1	-1.6	..
Index-Linked	142.7	150.2	+2.7	..
Equity	248.6	261.7	+2.0	..
Cash	172.1	181.2	+0.2	..
Midland Bk UT	240.6	253.2	+0.9	..
Midland Bk Inc	271.0	285.3	+1.3	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081-902 8876				
Equity Units		£28.33	+0.59	..
Property Units		£30.73		..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£46.06	48.74	+0.37	..
2nd Equity Accum	435.4	460.7	+3.0	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	421.0	445.6	+3.6	..
2nd Property Accum	299.8	317.2	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	136.6	144.5	..	..
2nd Managed Acc	327.4	346.5	+2.5	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	154.5	163.5	+1.3	..
2nd Deposit Accum	219.7	232.5	+0.4	..
2nd Gilt Accum	200.5	212.2	+1.4	..
2nd Amer Accum	329.5	348.7	+6.6	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	195.1	206.5	-1.2	..
2nd Index Accum	133.1	140.8	+0.3	..
2nd Far East Accum	312.4	330.6	+6.0	..
2nd Global Accum	108.0	114.3	+1.3	..
2nd Euro Accum	135.9	143.8	-1.1	..
2nd Japan Accum	182.4	193.0	+2.8	..
2nd Heritage Acc	74.2	78.5	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	99.1	104.8	-0.2	..
2nd Smal Opp Acc	94.7	100.2	-0.1	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	223.9	235.7	..	..
Money Fund	288.6	303.8	+0.4	..
Managed Fund	493.9	519.9	+6.1	..
Equity Fund	339.8	357.7	+3.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	161.6	170.2	+2.1	..
Far East Fund	391.0	411.6	+3.5	..
Nth Amer Fund	145.4	154.2	-0.4	..
Nat Resources Fund	244.5	257.4	+5.8	..
Alexandra Fund	113.2	119.2	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	195.5	205.9	+0.3	..
Ruby	118.6	124.9	+0.4	..
Emerald	103.3	108.8	-0.2	..
Equity	217.7	229.2	+0.6	..
Property	206.2	216.1	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	128.1	134.8	-0.9	..
[illegible]	120.5	126.9	-0.2	..
Cash	141.3	148.8	+0.2	..
Nth American	137.5	144.8	+1.5	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Opportunity	145.3	153.8	-2.4	..
North Amer Opp	97.1	102.7	+1.2	..
Far East Opp	137.1	145.1	+4.5	..
Gth Prop Series 1	193.2	203.4	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	161.0	170.4	+0.2	..
Fixed Int	110.6	117.0	+3.5	..
Cash	121.1	128.1	+0.2	..
Managed Pens	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..
Overseas	117.4	124.2	-0.6	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International	112.2	118.1	+0.1	..
Do Pens	116.3	122.4	+0.2	
Deposit	108.2	114.0	+0.1	
Do Pens	116.6	122.7	+0.2	
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3, Finsbury Ave London EC2M 2PA 071-638 5757				
UK Equity Inc	307.2	324.3	+7.8	

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 89.1 (day's range 89.0-89.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 25

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6895-1.6930	1.6895-1.6905	0.94-0.92pr	2.73-2.71pr
Montrl	1.9978-2.0062	1.9987-2.0024	0.16-0.09pr	0.37-0.25pr
Amstrdm	3.1903-3.2018	3.1932-3.1967	1%-1%pr	5%-5%pr
Brussels	58.29-58.66	58.38-58.59	30-19pr	81-64pr
Copnhgn	10.7857-10.8368	10.8018-10.8251	4%-3%pr	12%-11pr
Dublin	1.0575-1.0620	1.0588-1.0598	36-31pr	102-92pr
Frankft	2.8356-2.8451	2.8392-2.8426	1%-1%pr	4%-4%pr
Lisbon	249.06-250.70	249.20-250.19	4pr-14ds	71-99ds
Madrid	176.64-177.50	176.98-177.50	16-7pr	34-21pr
Milan	2081.58-2091.15	2085.27-2089.04	6-3pr	18-14pr
Oslo	10.9109-10.9553	10.9252-10.9486	3%-2%pr	9%-8%pr
Paris	9.5429-9.5816	9.5524-9.5662	4%-3%pr	12%-11%pr
Stckhlm	10.2730-10.3129	10.2848-10.3078	2%-1%pr	6%-5%pr
Tokyo	252.66-253.61	252.65-252.98	1%-1%pr	4%-4%pr
Vienna	19.9385-20.0240	19.9716-20.0003	11%-10%pr	33%-30%pr
Zurich	2.4018-2.4090	2.4050-2.4081	1%-1%pr	3%-3%pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	6816.50-6822.50
Australia dollar	2.1970-2.2012
Bahrain dinar	0.6340-0.6420
Brazil cruzado*	86.560-86.625
Cyprus pound	0.7865-0.7965
Finland markka	6.6240-6.6910
Greece drachma	277.65-280.65
Hong Kong dollar	13.1502-13.1597
India rupee	29.11-29.41
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4895-0.4955
Malaysia ringgit	4.5548-4.5593
Mexico peso	4715-4815
New Zealand dollar	2.9382-2.9462
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3085-6.3885
Singapore dollar	3.1213-3.1249
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6555-6.7932
S Africa rand (com)	4.4746-4.4824
U A E dirham	6.1750-6.2550

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5955-1.5970	Denmark	6.4010-6.4060	Italy	1233.5-1234.5
Singapore	1.8475-1.8485	W Germany	1.6825-1.6835	Belgium (Com)	34.53-34.58
Malaysia	2.6960-2.6970	Switzerland	1.4244-1.4254	Hong Kong	7.7835-7.7845
Australia	1.3003-1.3020	Netherlands	1.8931-1.8941	Portugal	147.50-147.70
Canada	1.1830-1.1840	France	5.6575-5.6625	Spain	104.75-104.85
Sweden	6.0950-6.1000	Japan	149.50-149.60	Austria	11.80-11.81
Norway	6.4750-6.4800				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½

Discount Market Loans %

Overnight High: 14% Low 13% Week fixed: 14%

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying: 2 mth – 14% 3 mth – 14¹⁷⁄₃₂

Selling: 2 mth – 14¹⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14¹⁵⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆-2¹⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 14²¹⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 14%-14⁷⁄₁₆ 6 mth 14¹⁄₃₂-14

Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 15⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15% 6 mth 14²¹⁄₃₂

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15 close 16

1 week: 14%-¹¹⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15³⁄₃₂-¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-15 9 mth: 15¹⁄₃₂-15 12 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 day: 15 7 day: 15 1 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 14%

Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-14% 6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-14% 12 mth 14%-14%

Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.25-8.20 3 mth: 8.35-8.30 6 mth: 8.45-8.40 12 mth 8.67-8.62

Building Society CDs (%)

1 mth: 14³¹⁄₃₂-14% 2 mth: 15¹⁄₃₂-15 3 mth: 15¹⁄₃₂-15 6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-³⁄₃₂ 9 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-%

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £3.030m	allotted: £500m
Bids: £96.395%	received: 38%
Last week: £96.39%	received: 22%
Avge rate: £14.4582%	last wk £14.4513%
Next week: £500m	replace £500m

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8%-7%	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8%-8%
Call: 8%-7%				
Deutschemark:	7%-7%	8-7%	8¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8%-8%
Call: 8-7				
French Franc:	9%-9%	9%-9%	9%-9%	10-9%
Call: 9%-9%				
Swiss Franc:	8%-8%	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 9%-8%				
Yen:	7¹⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	7%-7%	7%-7%	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 7%-6%				

GOLD

BULLION: Per ounce

Open: $386.25-386.75 Close: $367.00-367.50

High: $367.25-367.75 Low: $366.00-366.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)

Britannia: $375.00-380.00 (£221.50-224.50)

Krugerrand: $366.00-369.00 (£216.50-218.50)

Mapleleaf (1oz): $375.00-380.002 (£221.50-224.50)

American Eagles: $375.00-380.00 (£221.50-224.50)

New Sovereigns: $86.00-88.00 (£50.50-52.00)

Old Sovereigns: $86.00-88.00 (£50.50-52.00)

Platinum: $500.00 (£295.75)

Palladium: $121.25 (£71.70)

Silver: $5.22-5.24 (£3.085-3.100)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 21345		
Jun 90	2300.0	2305.0	2280.0	2288.0	4852
Sep 90	2343.0	2343.0	2320.0	2335.0	163
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 182500		
Jun 90	85.03	85.03	84.99	85.02	2519
Sep 90	85.34	85.37	85.28	85.30	11525
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 37680		
Jun 90	91.59	91.59	91.58	91.58	485
Sep 90	91.54	91.56	91.52	91.52	1981
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 71602		
Jun 90	91.68	91.70	91.67	91.67	1395
Sep 90	91.36	91.41	91.35	91.37	4457

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 3602		
Jun 90				89.880	
Sep 90	89.69	89.69	89.65	89.6631	
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 5210		
Jun 90	92-17	92-18	92-00	92-05	3263
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 40673		
Jun 90	82-26	83-02	82-04	82-08	17027
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 842		
Jun 90	96.30	96.38	95.91	95.94	4
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 88332		
Jun 90	82.80	82.91	82.67	82.70	14334
Sep 90	82.26	82.44	82.22	82.22	2776

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Park Foods	Foods	
2	TGH	Industrials S-Z	
3	Rechem	Industrials L-R	
4	Scholes Grp	Electricals	
5	S & U Stores	Drapery,Stores	
6	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
7	Pressac	Electricals	
8	Nestor-BNA	Industrials L-R	
9	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
10	JS Pathology	Industrials E-K	
11	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
12	Bibby (J)	Industrials A-D	
13	Turriff	Building,Roads	
14	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
15	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
16	Greene King	Breweries	
17	Halma	Industrials E-K	
18	Thames TV	Leisure	
19	Blue Circle (aa)	Building,Roads	
20	BHH Group	Property	
21	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
22	Bunzl (aa)	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Hunting	Industrials E-K	
24	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
26	Tomkins	Drapery,Stores	
27	RMC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
28	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
29	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
30	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
31	Barbour Index	Newspapers,Pub	
32	Capital Radio	Leisure	
33	Portals	Industrials L-R	
34	Bemrose	Paper,Print,Adv	
35	Dacyan	Property	
36	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
37	Leeds	Textiles	
38	Grampian Hdg	Industrials E-K	
39	TI (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
40	TNT	Transport	
41	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
42	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	Whatman	Industrials S-Z	
44	Breedon PLC	Building,Roads	
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MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

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Lenders set fixed-rate teaser for homeowners

By Lindsay Cook, Family Money Editor

A RUSH of fixed-rate mortgages up to 2.5 per cent cheaper than the standard loans offered by most lenders were launched this week. Hundreds of millions of pounds is being made available in a series of ever-more complicated schemes.

Most seem attractive to homebuyers, and to people seeking to remortgage to ease their monthly payments. But borrowers who switch may end up paying more in the long term.

Often such a flurry of fixed-rate offers heralds the easing of standard mortgage rates. The current selection are the result of a dose of electionitis and the expectation that interest rates will be brought down steadily in the run-up to the next General Election.

They are also a desperate bid by lenders to drum up business in a flat property market.

Large lenders such as the Halifax Building Society expect standard rates to steadily fall from the current 15.4 per cent from the beginning of next year, and by two 2 or three 3 per cent by spring 1992.

This would be well below some of the current fixed offers, which carry penalties of up to three months' interest for early redemption.

Borrowers also need to take care when comparing the loans. The interest rates quoted do not include all the additional costs associated with such loans and even annual percentage rates, which should show the true rate, including all costs, can be misleading.

Because the fixed rate part of the mortgage is for periods of between 18 months and three years, assumptions have to be made about what the rate will be for the rest of the term. This can mean either a further fixed-rate offer or transfer to the lender's standard mortgage rate.

Most lenders who work out the figure assume that the rest of the term will be at the fixed-rate and in the case of reducing fixed-rates the rate in the lowest year.

These appear to be considerably cheaper than those who calculate the apr using their standard rate for the rest of the term.

Yorkshire Building Society, which is offering a reducing fixed rate mortgage starting at 14.5 per cent in year one and reducing 1 per cent a year down to 12.5 per cent in the third year, quotes the lowest apr of all the current offers at 13.9 per cent because the rest of the term is based on the third-year figure.

Meanwhile, some of the building societies offering fixed rates of 13.95 per cent over two or three years quote aprs above 16 per cent because they use their current standard rate for the remainder of the term in the calculations.

Also, fixed-rate loans do not offer discounts for first-time buyers or larger loans unlike many standard mortgages.

For example, all Abbey National loans over £60,000 are currently at 14.75 per cent and Lloyds Bank is offering a 2 per cent discount to first-time buyers for a year.

The best way of comparing the different rates is to find out what the monthly payments will be and what, if any, extra costs are involved.

The table on the left details the monthly interest payments for endowment mortgages, any penalties or special conditions. Insurance premiums would have to be added where interest-only loans are not available, and vary with the age of the borrower.

Most of the special offers are limited to endowment or pension loans, which add to the monthly payments for anyone transferring from a repayment mortgage.

TSB will allow repayment loans and the Household Mortgage Corporation will lend on an interest-only basis, allowing the borrower to decide how they will pay back the loan at the end of the term.

Cheltenham & Gloucester, which already offers interest-only loans with its standard mortgages is extending the offer to its fixed-rate product. Standard loans with C & G are already 1 per cent cheaper at 14.4 per cent for the first year.

If specific insurance policies are compulsory with the special offer loans, borrowers must find out what the premiums are and compare these, as well as the monthly interest payments, with their monthly outgoings.

First Mortgage Securities is offering a rate of 12.95 per cent over 18 months, with the option of another fixed-rate loan or its standard variable rate from December next year.

The company, which has lent £650 million to British borrowers over the last three years, expects interest rates to be at a low point in December 1991 and that customers will be able to lock in to another attractive rate for the next two or three years.

The loans are endowment only, although the premiums can be added to the mortgage for the first five years to reduce monthly outgoings. But there is a compulsory accident, sickness and unemployment package which may seem expensive for anyone who is certain of their job prospects and their ability to pay if they were ill.

This type of policy usually costs 5 per cent of the mortgage payments a month, but FMS is charging 2.75 per cent of the amount borrowed at the outset and this can be added to the mortgage.

Anyone redeeming the mortgage during the five years when the policy will operate receives a refund. This would be 67 per cent of the premium in year one, falling to 6.7 per cent in year four.

HMC's loans are fixed at 14.45 per cent in year one and 12.95 per cent in year two.

TSB is offering a fixed rate at 13.5 per cent over three years and will allow borrowers to choose from repayment, endowment or pension mortgages. In the case of the latter existing policies can be used to support the mortgage.

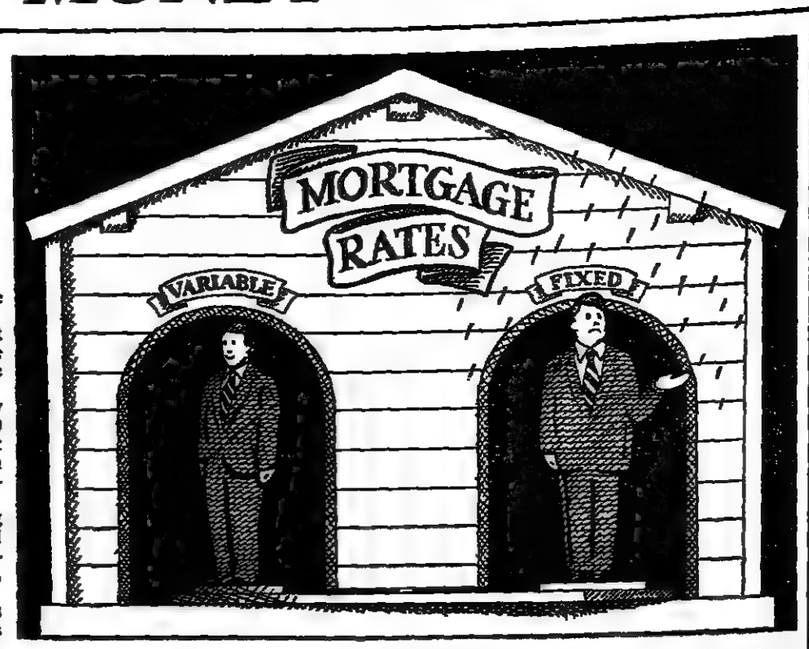
The Yorkshire Building Society has a three-year loan, which reduces from 14.5 per cent in one-year steps. In addition to a £100 arrangement fee it also insists that borrowers take out the society's own home contents and buildings insurance.

The C & G, Britannia, Birmingham Midshires, Northern Rock and Norwich & Peterborough building societies are all offering loans fixed at 13.95 per cent either over two or three years.

Some builders are also offering fixed rate loans as low as 10 per cent to buyers of properties in their developments.

These should be approached with care. Reputable lenders insist that the whole of the developer's subsidy is paid to them at the outset.

But buyers could come unstuck should the builder go out of business if no such arrangement existed and the developer paid over the subsidy monthly.



FIXED RATE MORTGAGES — COSTS AND REQUIREMENTS

Lender	£50,000 £	£100,000 £	Arrangement fee £	Penalties	Interest only	Special requirements
TSB	478.13	1,040.63	150	3 mth intrst	no	none
First Mortgage Secs	482.14	1,045.02	150	3 mth intrst	no	accident/sickness & unemployment cover compulsory
Birmingham Midshires	486.58	1,059.89	None	3 mth intrst	no	none
Britannia	494.00	1,075.25	100	90 days intrst	yes	none
Cheltenham & Gloucestr	494.06	1,075.31	50	3 mth intrst	yes	none
Northern Rock	494.10	1,075.30	50	3 mth intrst	yes	none
Norwich & Peterborough	494.10	1,075.40	100	3 mth intrst	no	none
HMC						
1st yr	511.76	1,113.84	£200 added to loan	3 mth intrst	yes	exchange by 24.8.90
2nd yr	458.64	998.22	£300 sell off			
Yorkshire						
1st yr	513.56	1,117.71	100	Up to 3 month intrst	no	Mortgaloan ins compulsory
2nd yr	478.13	1,040.63				
3rd yr	442.71	963.56				

Barclays scraps overdraft letters

By Jon Ashworth

THE high cost of letters from bank managers pointing out that customers are overdrawn has long been a source of contention.

But Barclays Bank this week announced it is to become the first bank to scrap its £10 charge for these unwelcome missives.

From June 1 the bank's personal charge tariffs will be revised and Barclays will become the only one of the Big Four banks not to charge for letters and telephone calls relating to overdrafts.

It will also do away with the charge levied when one branch has to telephone the customer's own to authorize a cheque encashment.

Barclays customers who are in the red on their personal accounts will no longer pay for making deposits or withdrawals, for crossed cheques, or for direct debits or standing orders. NatWest makes no charges for these services, while Midland and Lloyds charge from 25p to 35p a time.

But Barclays customers may find their overdrafts cost more as the bank is introducing a £10 monthly fee for overdrafts to replace the present quarterly system. Customers who go overdrawn by more than £50 without permission pay the charge. The fee for agreed overdrafts will vary from £3 to £6 a month, depending on the interest option chosen.

Midland and Lloyds both charge £12 to send a warning letter to customers who are overdrawn, NatWest £10 a time. But Lloyds stressed that charges for warning letters were made at the discretion of branch managers, who were unlikely to penalize customers who became overdrawn on rare occasions.

"If it is the first time someone has become overdrawn, then one is reluctant to charge them," said a Lloyds spokesman.

"If they are continually doing it and know they should not be, then a charge is fair enough."

Most banks urge their customers to get in touch if they fear they may become overdrawn, even if just for a short time. A telephone call is usually sufficient, and agreed overdrafts attract a more favourable rate of interest.

Barclays will continue to charge £5 for stopped cheques, £15 for returned cheques, and £10 for special presentations. The other high street banks typically charge £6 for stopped cheques, between £12 and £15 for returned cheques and between £6 and £10 for special presentations.

Lloyds pointed out that the individual charges only apply to its old-style current account. Classic account holders who become overdrawn by more than £100, the free limit allowed, pay a flat fee of £6 a month for transactions.

Children to gather parental tax bonus

By Lindsay Cook

PARENTS will be able to be more generous to their children from next April — without risking extra tax bills.

The Inland Revenue has announced that when composite rate tax is scrapped children will be able to earn £100 in interest on money given to them by their parents without it affecting their tax position.

Currently such money can only earn £5 before tax is levied on the parents.

Money from other sources is taxed as the child's. The limit on parental money is because the Inland Revenue is concerned that parents should not use children's accounts to avoid tax on their own savings.

At current interest rates a child would be able to earn interest gross on about £800 given by parents free of tax.

Building societies are already offering children access to gross paid accounts, which will not pay interest until after CRT is scrapped on April 6,1991.

This week Town & Country, the building society, extended its Gross Account to children who can earn 14 per cent from the first £1 invested. The interest is paid annually on April 30 and increases with the balance in the account.

Investors can make withdrawals of up to £250 in cash without penalty and still be paid the interest gross so long as they do not close the account before April 6.

When CRT is scrapped, non-taxpayers, who include the vast majority of children, will have to sign a form declaring that their total earnings are less than their personal tax allowance. Then the building society or bank will be able to pay interest gross. Those who do not sign the declaration before the interest is paid will be able to claim back the basic rate tax after it is deducted.

FAMILY MONEY

Investment referee blows whistle

By Lindsay Cook

MAJOR financial institutions take too legalistic an approach to investors' complaints, said Mr Richard Youard, the investment referee, this week when presenting his first annual report.

Mr Youard is a supporter of conciliation and compromise deals, and feels that if both parties share responsibility for a mistake then they should share the loss.

However, some banks and investment groups have not accepted this view.

Of the 63 complaints received during the year, 40 have been resolved, with all but one being settled by conciliation. The one case has gone to adjudication and Mr Youard has the power to order compensation of up to £100,000.

Mr Youard said that in bigger institutions complaints were often dealt with by the compliance departments which often took "far too rigid a view."

"Some organizations seem to believe that, if their representative has not actually broken the law, the customer must automatically bear all the loss. I find this attitude extremely short-sighted.

"There is a school of thought which adheres closely to the test of legal liability and sees any other payment, i.e. an *ex gratia* payment, as a sign of weakness.

"It seems to believe that an *ex gratia* payment is simply giving away the company's money. I suggest that this is the wrong attitude and I speak as one who has spent a lifetime in a service industry."

Even when persuaded to make an *ex gratia* payment any goodwill could still be lost. One case was resolved at the conciliation stage and the investor was so pleased with the result that he told the referee he would continue as a customer of the firm.

"However, when the *ex gratia* payment arrived it was acccompanied by a letter in such grudging terms that the complainant resolved to transfer his account to a competitor immediately.

"Every small shopkeeper knows the importance of goodwill. Some of the big institutions seem to have forgotten they are shopkeepers."

The commonest cause of disputes referred to Mr Youard was a misunderstanding between the company and the customer.

In some cases it was possible to find where the fault lay but often both parties agreed on what was said, but had drawn a completely different interpretation.

Mr Youard said investors should take greater care with their money. "I am astonished at how casually people pay over life savings."

He said people should not act on what they hear in the pub or over the dining table, warning that if a deal seemed to offer something that others did not there was likely to be a catch.

Investors should not be afraid of revealing their ignorance to salesmen. The best protection for investors was to ask lots of questions.

Mr Youard said that one thing that had struck him while handling complaints was that no financial salesmen could be described as independent as they were all trying to sell something.

"The truly independent adviser says, 'I don't think you should do anything.' There were one or two cases where the right advice was to do nothing, to leave everything where it was. You couldn't produce better results."

But he said someone had to pay the advisers so they were tempted to suggest investment changes to earn commission.

Of the 40 cases resolved by conciliation about half the complainants had received compensation. The others had withdrawn their complaints when it was explained that the company was not at fault.

The largest claim involving a loss of £278,000 was withdrawn after the first letter. It involved portfolio management — as did the largest settlement of £4,315.

The investment referee deals with disputes involving the members of the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association and the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation.

Cup of conciliation: Richard Youard acts as referee

'Churning' costs consumers £680m

By Jon Ashworth

LIFE and pensions salesmen who encourage clients to cancel policies for no good reason are costing consumers as much as £680 million a year in lost contributions.

And banks and building societies are often the worst offenders, according to a trade association which has compiled a list of misleading practices.

Such "churning" of policies mostly effects home-buyers with an endowment mortgage, who are encouraged to take out a new endowment plan when they move house.

Endowments have little value in the early years since most, if not all of the premiums, go in commission to salesmen and intermediaries.

The National Federation of Independent Financial Advisers, which has been working with the Scottish Independent Intermediaries Association in an effort to pin down problem areas, has drawn-up a five-point plan to make the public more aware of churning.

It proposes that application forms would carry the wording: "Are you planning to surrender a policy to take out this one; if so, why?"

Another way to tackle the problem would be to bring mortgage sales under the Financial Services Act, with its stricter guidelines, rather than the Consumer Credit Act.

Mr Brian Cochrane of the SIIA accused banks and building societies of using their power as lenders to encourage clients to cash in perfectly good policies.

The Securities and Investments Board, which has seen the report, said new legislation would have to be passed before mortgages could be brought under the FSA. This was a matter for the Department of Trade and Industry.

BRIEFINGS

■ Skipton Building Society has launched an investment bond paying 12.75 per cent net on £5,000 or more. The Excellency Bond guarantees the net rate will always be at least 5 per cent higher than the society's net variable paid-up share rate until April 5, 1991. Money can be withdrawn after the first month without loss of interest if 30 days' notice is given.

■ Friends Provident and Bupa have teamed up to offer a private health scheme which combines medical and permanent health cover in one package. The scheme, called Health Care, offers clients and their families a 35 per cent discount on the basic Bupa subscriptions. It is open to individuals under 55 years who take out a Friends Provident private health insurance contract for a minimum benefit of £25 a week.

■ Irish Life has launched a combined private health insurance and dread disease insurance policy called Guaranteed Income Provider. It gives financial protection against illness and accidents and can be linked to 5 major illnesses including stroke, heart attack and kidney failure.

■ Allied Dunbar has launched a unit-linked investment bond with a bonus built in for savers prepared to invest for the next 10 years. Anyone who takes out a bond in the next two months will qualify for a bonus worth 5 per cent of the fund value at the turn of the century.

■ Capel-Cure-Myers has launched a new personal equity plan which allows investors to pick their own shares or choose a managed fund. The 1990/91 Pep offers a choice of four unit trusts as well as a mini-portfolio of up to six actively managed shares. The self-select plan is a third option. A maximum of £3,000 can be invested in the unit trust side, while £6,000 can go directly into shares. It costs £35 to join the pep, and annual charges vary from 0.5 per cent to 1.5 per cent.

■ Investors who save each month with Save & Prosper will notice two improvements when they receive their next statement. The monthly income portfolio has been restructured to allow an increasing income and scope for capital growth, while a new re-investment option will give clients the option of storing their money for the time being. The initial yield is expected to be about 7.45 per cent. Investments are spread across six unit trusts,

FAMILY MONEY

The perils of paying loans off too early

By Margaret Dibben

PAYING off a loan early can be a false economy when all the charges are taken into account, because of a complicated formula that is used to make sure that the borrower pays for the original setting-up costs of the loan.

A borrower wanting to repay a £4,000 loan repayable over five years after just six months could have to write out a cheque for £4,320, even though he had already paid off £665.

A recent complaint sent to the Consumer Credit Trade Association about the settlement figure for a long-term loan resulted in the lender charging the borrower a little less.

Mr John Patrick, director of the Consumer Credit Trade Association, explained: "In some instances, the legal rule rather favours the creditor and we may see if we can persuade the creditor voluntarily to be a bit more generous."

Settlement figures for repaying hire purchase agreements, second mortgages and personal loans are calculated according to the Consumer Credit Act Rule of 78, a formula aiming to strike a balance between ensuring the borrower does not pay too much interest and compensating the lender for the costs of setting up the deal in the first place.

Mr Neil Grant, director of the Finance Houses Association, said: "The Rule of 78 is the maximum that may be charged, most credit grantors charge less."

Mr Patrick added: "It is an approximation of an actuarial rule and it works fine for very close, up to five-year, transactions.

"But even then it can produce an effect where, if someone takes out, say, a three-year agreement and wants to settle it after only a couple of months, the customer appears to have paid a lot of interest for just two months' credit."

The term "early settlement rebate" is misleading which is why borrowers sometimes think they have been charged too much.

The rebate is allowed on the interest they have already paid and not the capital sum borrowed.

Miss Victoria Mitchell, legal secretary to the Finance Houses Association, explained:

"Borrowers are not aware that they have taken out a loan for a fixed number of years. They deduct what they have paid from the amount they borrowed rather than the loan plus interest and charges, indeed everything that goes into the annual percentage rate (APR)."

You may receive a rebate only because of the way in which repayments are calculated, not as a reward for frugal behaviour.

The rebate is not a sum of money which is handed to you in cash; it is an allowance offset against the balance of the original loan and interest which you still owe.

Many personal loans are front-end loaded. This means that all the interest which is due over the whole period is added to the sum borrowed when the loan is originally taken out.

Personal loans have a fixed rate of interest so the total debt is known straightaway and the full amount due to be paid is shown on the credit agreement.

If a borrower takes a loan for three years and then decides to pay it off after six months, it would be unfair if he was asked simply to pay the balance outstanding.

He would be paying as much interest for six months' credit that he expected to pay for the whole 36-month term of the loan.

When calculating the rebate due to the customer, credit companies are allowed by law to deduct an extra two months' interest on loans originally intended to run for five years or less; one month if the original term was more. Some charge this automatically; but others do not.

Barclays Bank, for example, imposes no extra interest when a Masterloan is repaid early, and the Barclayloan works on a simple pay as you go repayment system with no front-end loading.

However, Abbey National always charges the extra interest. Some lenders will waive the penalty if the customer is taking out another loan with them.

Mr David Lightfoot, the assistant director of the consumer affairs division of the Office of Fair Trading, explained:

"If you pay off early in the life of a loan, at that point the repayments that you have made have a high interest component.

"So when people settle early they find that they get back less than they thought they would, simply because they have not yet paid off very much of the capital."

Where an insurance protection policy has been taken out as a front-end expense, there is a further rebate on these premiums calculated in the same way.

This is because the finance house lends the borrower money for the insurance premiums and then charges interest on that as well.

Mr Patrick advised: "Do not borrow for a longer period than you need, especially if there is a serious likelihood that you will repay early. This way you shift the mathematics in your favour."

If you believe that your rebate has been wrongly calculated, you can check it out with the Citizens Advice Bureau or a trading standards officer.

You can also query it with the lender and, if you still are not satisfied, contact a trade association to which the company belongs.

The Finance Houses Association publishes a leaflet *Early Settlement Rebates* free from 18 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9PB.

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FAMILY MONEY

Jon Ashworth finds a new trust for brave

Prudential dips a toe in the Pacific market

HONG Kong, New Zealand and Australia are some of the last places in the world cautious investors would choose to place their money. The shadow of China is looming over the first, while economic fears have cast doubts over the others.

So it may surprise investors to learn that Prudential Holborn's new Pacific Markets unit trust, which goes on offer next week, plans to put 60 per cent of its money into those three markets. The bulk – 40 per cent – will go into Hong Kong, with 15 per cent to Australia and 5 per cent to New Zealand.

The group plans to actively manage the fund, and the percentages will change, but the split suggests that Pacific Markets will not be for everyone.

Mr Alan Wren, Prudential Holborn's chief executive, agreed that the new trust – the first to be launched by the group in more than a year – will be too risky for the majority of investors.

Nevertheless, he expects it to attract up to £25 million during the three-week offer period, and says there is a strong case for investing in the region.

"This will have the highest risk profile of all our 15 funds," *said Mr Wren*, who recommends investors put no more than 10 per cent of their portfolios into the new trust. "The Hong Kong market is looking cheap, and Australia is not as bad as many people *think. Once people realize the* market is undervalued, it could bounce."

'Strong case for investing 10 per cent of your portfolio': Alan Wren, chief executive of Prudential Holborn

Prudential had planned to launch the new trust several months ago, but postponed it after events in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. A second attempt later in the year was scuppered after "Grey Monday" sent investors running for cover.

One of Prudential's biggest launches, the *International Smaller Companies* unit trust, took in £220 million from investors just days before the 1987 stockmarket crash. Investors would only just be breaking even today, and Mr Wren admits the group's fund performance has not been spectacular in the last three years.

"Our investment performance was good in the first three years, but has gone off the boil in the last couple of years. It has been disappointing." Mr Wren said part of the reason for investing in smaller companies was for their long-term potential, and it was wrong to expect short-term gains.

Hong Kong and Australasia aside, the trust will invest in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. About 10 per cent will be *held* in cash. There are no plans to invest in Taiwan or South Korea, which are seen as too expensive.

The new trust will be managed by Mr Hugh Williams, who has been looking after the Far Eastern markets for Prudential's life and pensions funds. Pacific Markets has an *initial charge of 6 per cent*, and an annual management fee of 1 per cent. Minimum investment is £1,000, and a discount of up to 2 per cent is avaiable during the launch period.

DIY for top earners only

DO-IT-YOURSELF personal pensions which allow investors to choose exactly where to place their money have become flavour of the month (writes Jon Ashworth).

But they are not as new as some investors are being led to believe, and a quick look at the competition could save hundreds of pounds in costs.

Pointon York, the financial services group, joined the DIY club with its self-invested personal pension this week. But it hailed the launch as the first of its kind, apparently overlooking an almost identical scheme from Guinness *Mahon two months* ago.

Pension 101 is described as a scheme that will, for the first time, allow professionals, executives and the self-employed the advantages of controlling their own pension fund. It adds that self-invested pension schemes have only previously been available to company owner-managers.

In fact, Pension 101 is at least fifth in a chain of schemes offered by groups like Sun Life, Albany Life and the Life Association of Scotland as well as *Guinness Mahon*. Prudential Holborn also announced this week it will launch a self-invested personal pension in December.

Mr Geoffrey Pointon, managing director of Pointon York, agreed the scheme is not new, but said it has more features than similar plans. He said he did not think investors would be misled into thinking Pension 101 is unique.

Like Guinness Mahon's scheme, Pension 101 offers clear charges and a full investment choice. But it is more expensive on almost every count. Setting up the scheme costs £1,500 – £400 more than Guinness Mahon – and the annual management charge of £400 is dearer by £50.

Guinness Mahon makes no charge for trustee meetings, valuations and policy reviews, while Pointon charges £50 or £100 for them. Pointon charges £25 per transaction, including transfers from other schemes. Guinness Mahon charges more – £31 or £36 depending on whether they relate to Britain or abroad.

Guinness Mahon offers *investors a shell for their* pension, allowing them to choose their own investment advisers. Pointon York goes *further* by offering its own investment advice, but customers pay more. The charge for full discretionary management is 0.5 per cent on the first £250,000 invested. Standard dealing charges apply to one-off deals.

After all the costs are taken into account, at least £5,000 needs to be invested in the scheme before the charges become worth paying. The argument for using charges, even though they appear expensive, is that they are better than commission which can take far more out of contributions over the years.

Pointon expects most interest from accountants, solicitors and brokers. Albany Life introduced a self-investment scheme in 1977 and modified it for personal pensions when new legislation came in last year. Mr Malcolm Kerr, Albany's marketing director, said it appealed to sportsmen and other high earners, and is not for average investors.

Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 23).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+4	+6	+4	+4		
2	+7	+8	+8	+3	+3		
3	+8	+4	+5	+3	+4		
4	+6	+4	+5	+4	+4		
5	+7	+5	+6	+4	+3		
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42	+7	+3	+5	+4	+5		
43	+8	+4	+7	+5	+5		
44	+5	+7	+9	+3	+1		

FAMILY MONEY

Roy Cannon finds a free lunch without travelling

Dining out on the taxman

THERE is such a thing as a free lunch and the Inland Revenue has recently extended the number of people who can dine for free, with no subsequent tax bill

Under Section 155(5) of the Taxes Act 1988 lunch can be given to employees. And by a new concession where an employer does not have canteen facilities on his premises, staff can still have the tax-free lunch by using any canteen where meals are provided for all the staff.

What is important is that the employee does not have to be travelling on his employer's business to get this favourable tax treatment, he or she gets it simply by carrying on his or her job in the normal way. All that is needed is that the employer provides facilities for all members of the staff by way of free or subsidized meals in a canteen or in other facilities on the employer's premises or, now in any canteen.

By providing similar facilities for all members of the staff, on a reasonable scale, the door is opened for the higher paid staff and directors to get free meals which would otherwise be chargeable to tax.

Bon appetit: subsidized canteen facilities are the key to tax-free meals

But employers cannot have a fancy dining room, call it a canteen, and let the directors and the managerial staff eat free alone. They have to provide similar facilities for all staff.

This special treatment of employees for whom canteen facilities are provided is in sharp contrast to the short treatment given to other taxpayers who try to get tax relief for meals when working.

Employees of small firms where it would not be possible to have a canteen are able to receive free of tax a meal voucher provided it does not exceed the magnificent sum of 15p a working day. Above this limit which has not been changed in more than 20 years they are taxed.

The self-employed can fare even worse. In 1975 a self-employed carpenter claimed the additional cost of his lunch when he was working on a site which was too distant for him to return home for lunch. He estimated the difference in cost between eating at home and buying lunch near the site was 30p a day. The General Commissioners agreed this to be in order, but the Revenue appealed to the High Court and there the judge held that the excess was not a proper deduction for tax purposes.

Later, the then Financial Secretary to the Treasury made a statement in Parliament that "in practice a self-employed person may be allowed modest expenditure on meals consumed in the course of a travelling occupation or an occasional business journey outside the normal pattern."

This Revenue attitude towards meals for the self-employed still exists today, and the new breed of self-employed who offer their services to businesses for short periods in computers and other technical services are finding it difficult to get tax relief on travelling expenses as well as meals when working away from home.

Pay for your private education from the Government purse

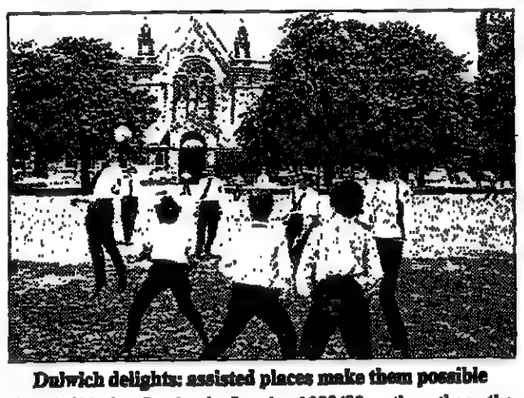
By Conal Gregory

MORE parents than ever are sending their children to independent schools but despite this renewed interest in the private sector, a scheme to help with the fees is not being fully taken up. About 4,000 subsidized places at public schools are still available.

The North-east has a significant number of subsidized places that have not been taken up and the Headmasters' Conference, which represents 230 independent schools, is to carry out an investigation into why more parents do not apply.

The Assisted Places Scheme came into operation at the start of the 1981/82 school year and aims to provide subsidized places to bright children from less well off families at quality independent schools. This month Mr John MacGregor, Education Secretary, announced a further 16 schools had joined the scheme for the new academic year which starts this September, making 294 in England.

Currently more than 33,260 places — rising to 35,000 by the mid 1990s — are on offer plus 2,600 in Scotland. In 1988/89, the average tuition fee was £2,591 but there are certainly differences which should not act as a disincentive. Charterhouse School, Godalming, a participating member in the Scheme, costs £6,975 while Ellesmere College, Shropshire, is £6,540.



Dulwich delights: assisted places make them possible

The parental contribution to the fees depends upon a family's "relevant income." This is the gross amount from all sources including unearned income from dependant children, less £1,000 for each child in 1989/90, other than the assisted place holder. The calculation excludes child benefit, mobility allowance, some other social security benefits and the amount of any student award.

The "relevant income" is usually assessed for the tax year before the school year in question (thus school year 1990/91 will be based on tax year 1989/90). Parents are required to provide their P60 or Schedule D or E tax assessment. For the current year if income was £7,584 or below, the parents would have to make no contribution. Above this sum, a sliding scale operates so that parents with a relevant income of £10,000 would pay £327 if they had one child being educated under the scheme and £246 each for two children. At £14,000 the contribution would be £1,224 for one child at £18,000 the parents would pay £2,484 for one child.

In 1988/89 the average parent paid £545 towards fees and received £2,121 in remission. For the next year parents with a relevant income of £8,034 pay nothing. Above this it is 9 per cent of income up to £8,735, 12 per cent for £8,735-£9,449, 15 per cent to £10,865, 21 per cent to £13,043, 24 per cent to £15,885 and 33 per cent above £15,885.

If a family has two assisted places, the contribution falls. On the lowest income threshold only 6.75 per cent is paid, rising to 24.75 per cent above £15,885. More generous terms are available for three places per family.Details are available from: Independent Schools Information Service, 56 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AG.

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FAMILY MONEY

Paying out to not insure your home

By Jon Ashworth

THERE is more to taking out a mortgage than the monthly payments, as many first-buyers have discovered to their cost. Legal charges aside, buildings and contents insurance can add hundreds of pounds to the annual bill.

Most banks and building societies allow borrowers to choose their own insurance, as long as it comes up to their standards. But some make a one-off charge to insure against the cover being inadequate.

One reader complained to Family Money that her bank would not let her change her insurance policy, even though a Citizens Advice Bureau had suggested it as a way of cutting monthly payments. She was also concerned that paying the insurance in monthly instalments rather than a one-off premium might add a great deal of interest to the bill. All leading banks said borrowers were free to choose their own buildings cover. But The Consumers' Association has criticized building societies in particular for limiting their customers' choices.

Miss Jane Vass, research manager of TCA's Money Group, said the market had become dominated by a cartel of lenders. "Many allow borrowers to choose their insurance, but charge up to £25 for this. Some even make an annual charge, which we think is unfair. People can save several hundred pounds by shopping around."

TCA has been calling for free choice on building insurance for some time. The Office of Fair Trading is also looking at whether borrowers are losing out. The Halifax Building Society said its borrowers are free to choose buildings insurance, but charges £5 to insure against the risk that the cover may not be adequate. Nationwide Anglia charges £25 as an "administration" fee to those who wish to select their own cover.

The Leeds Permanent also charges £25, including £5 for the same style of contingency insurance used by the Halifax. "It is mainly an administrative charge to help us check out the quality of the insurer," said a spokesman.

NatWest charges £15 to pay for similar checks, but Lloyds, Midland and Barclays do not. A NatWest spokesman said: "We don't insist that building insurance is taken through us, but charge a one-off fee for administration." Lloyds only insists buildings insurance is arranged via its agent on some special offers.

Some borrowers are concerned that they have to pay a large amount in interest when buildings insurance is paid monthly instead of in a single premium. The Halifax said interest is charged on the reducing balance throughout the year, but this is typically no more than £6. The average buildings insurance premium is £120, it added. Lloyds divides the annual premium by 12, and charges no extra for monthly payments.

LETTERS

A convenience — but convenient to whom?

From Ms J Goldsmith

Sir, When cash dispensers were first put in by high street banks they were seen as a convenience to the customer. I wonder if this is still the case.

Not so long ago I could withdraw the odd £5 note. This soon became a minimum of £10 — not so convenient at the end of the month when funds are low. Now my local Barclays cashpoint will only issue multiples of £20. What is to stop them pushing this up to £50 next week?

Apart from lack of funds to make these withdrawals, especially if standing orders are imminent from the same account, why should we be forced to withdraw more than we want, especially late at night when every mugger seeing you use a Barclays till, knows you will have at least £20 on you?

Also the increasing use of £20 notes in these tills is far from convenient if you only want cash for small purchases. A constant request from shop cashiers today is "have you got anything smaller?" so why cannot we have a choice in the notes we receive?

Bank customers should perhaps keep in mind that they should be calling the tune.

Yours faithfully,
MS J. GOLDSMITH,
37 Carew Court,
Basinghall Gardens,
Sutton, Surrey.

Barclays says a few of its dispensers issue just £20 notes in areas with a high turnover. Usually there is a choice of £5 and £20 — and occasionally £5, £10 and £20. Some NatWest machines allow £5 withdrawals but busier machines have a £10 minimum. Lloyds pays out £5 through two-thirds of its machines and £10 through the rest. Most of Midland's machines offer £5 or £10 notes, but new machines offer £10 or £20 notes.

Beware cash dispenser card thefts

From Mrs S.G. Suter

Sir, Following your article about Emma Hill's Abbeylink cash machine card I refer to Mrs Joan Ackland's happier experience with Marks and Spencer.

Mrs Ackland reported that when her storecard was used fraudulently to the amount of £2,000 it was a loss she was not expected to bear.

May I point out that under the terms of the Consumer Credit Act the holder of a credit card is only responsible for the first £50 in such circumstances.

Under current legislation the same is not true of cash machine cards.

Yours faithfully,
MRS S. G. SUTER,
114 Northampton Road,
Earls Barton,
Northampton.

French freeze cheque cheats

From Dr R.J. Coultas

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Davis (Family Money, (May 12) points out how much easier it is to pay by cheque in France and asks why the normal cheque system cannot be more widely used here. The reasons lie in the difference between our two societies.

If a cheque drawn on a French bank bounces, then the depositor has 30 days in which to remedy the situation and in the meantime the account is frozen.

If the account is not redeemed or if a second cheque is bounced within 12 months, then the depositor will be forbidden to use any bank account in France for one year.

As all accounts are registered with the Banque de France this is an enforceable ban.

In addition all French citizens carry an identity card and foreigners a passport which may have to be shown when paying by cheque.

You makes your choice (of society) and you pays your money. Credit card or cheque.

Yours faithfully,
RJ COULTAS,
Applegarth,
Delville Avenue,
Keyworth,
Nottingham.

Lack of logic

From Mr Andrew Martin

Sir, Can anyone explain the Government's logic in giving tax relief on medical insurance for the retired over-60s but at the same time retaining it as taxable benefit for those over 60 still working possibly on similar incomes?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW MARTIN,
Bailey House, Barttelot Road,
Horsham, West Sussex.

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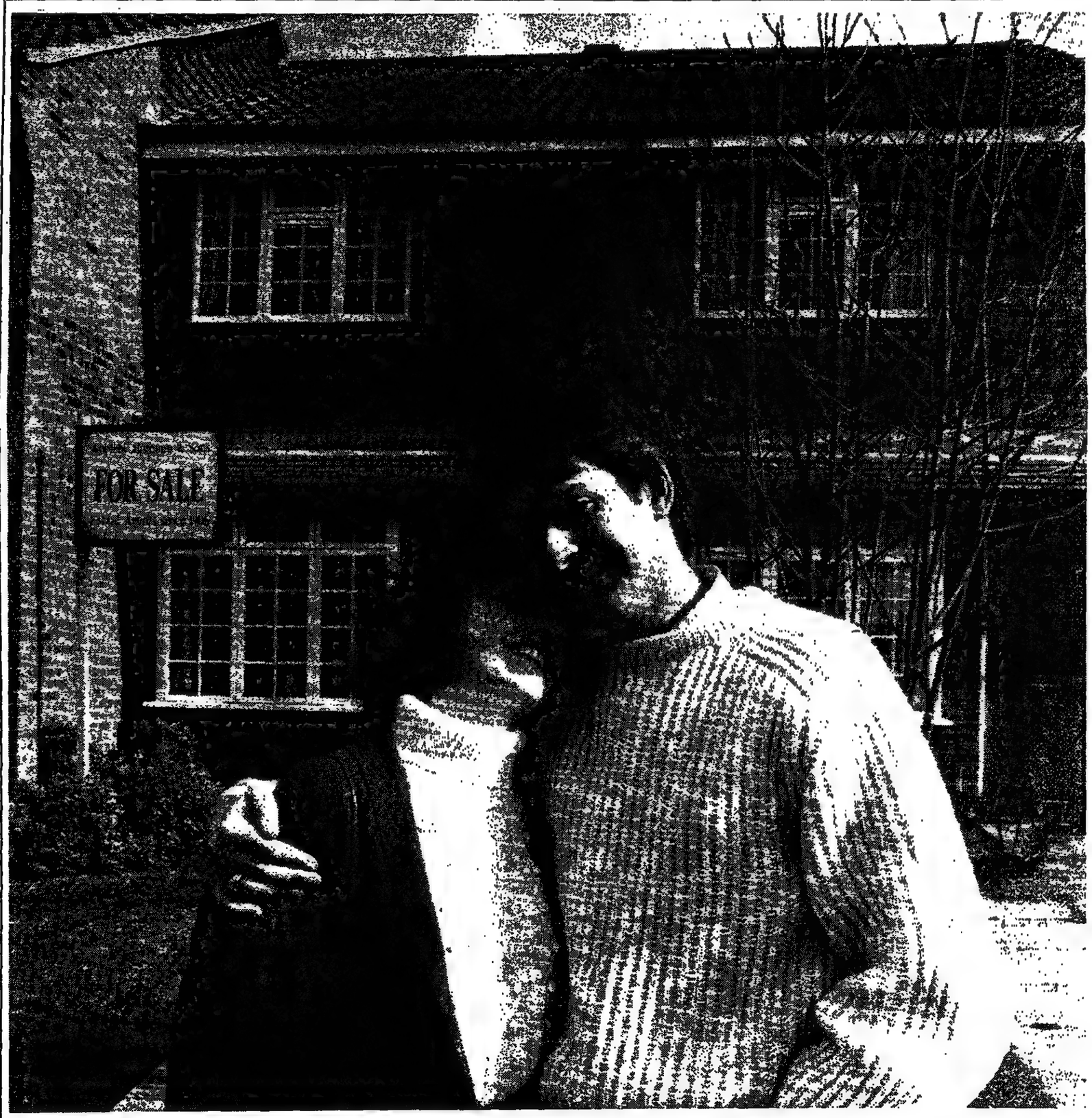
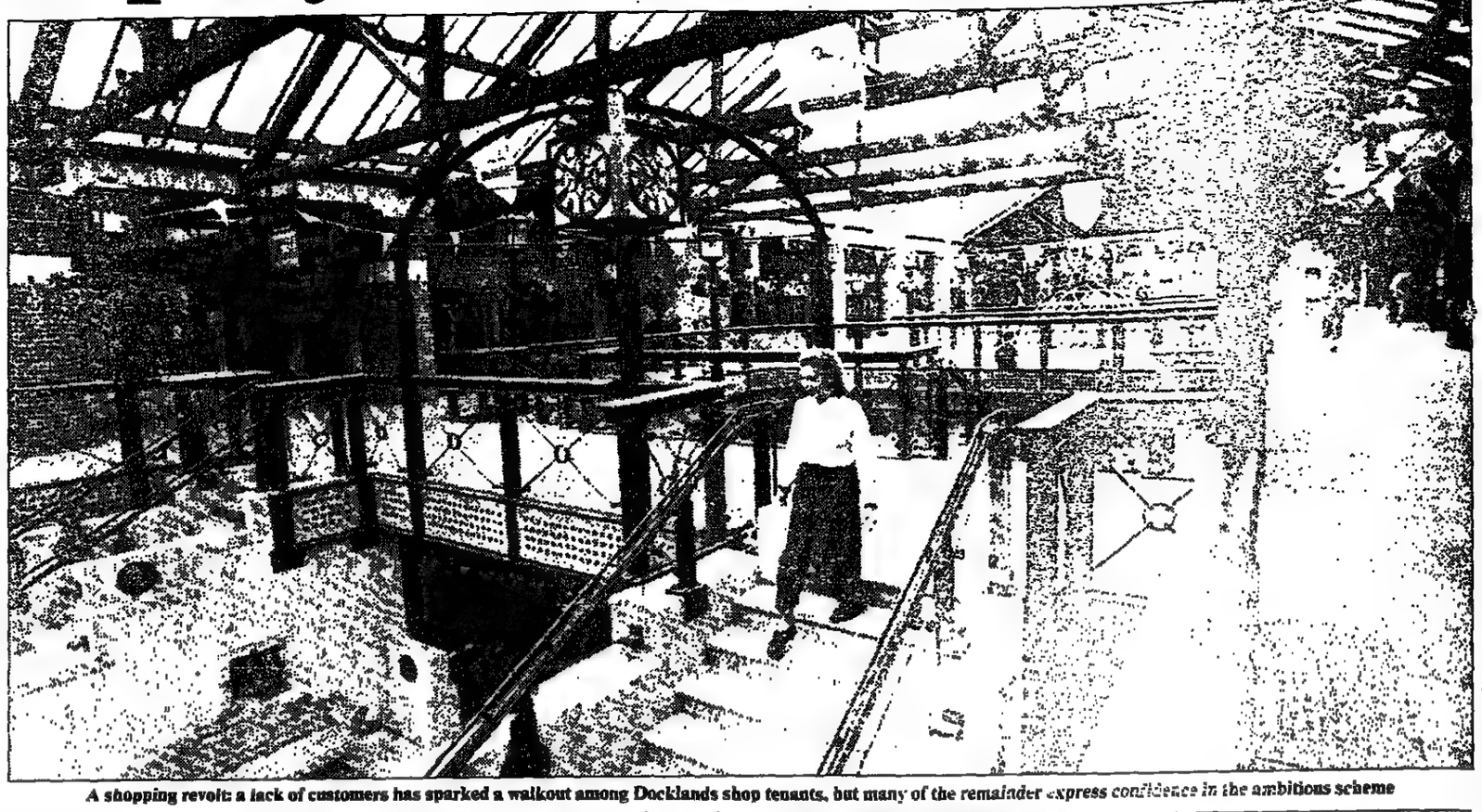


Docklands prays for the sun to shine

As Tobacco Dock shopping centre faces a tenants' revolt Matthew Bond discovers why the development is banking on this holiday weekend



A shopping revolt: a lack of customers has sparked a walkout among Docklands shop tenants, but many of the remainder express confidence in the ambitious scheme

THIS is a crucial weekend for London's Docklands. If the sun shines, the area's only shopping centre faces a brighter future. If it does not, a revolt by angry tenants threatens a £50 million attempt to bring a Covent Garden lifestyle to East London.

"At the moment we can fairly be described as a sunshine scheme," says Mr Laurie Cohen, managing director of Tobacco Dock Developments.

When the sun is shining, Tobacco Dock looks magnificent. More importantly though, when the sun shines, the odd coachload of curious tourists boosts the still limited number of Londoners who regularly use the centre.

Mr Cohen is aware that he needs more sunny days and will be hoping for three in a row this Bank Holiday weekend. A year after the converted tobacco and sheepskin warehouse started a new life as a specialist shopping centre, offering a mixture of shops, bars and restaurants, Tobacco Dock is suffering a critical shortage of shoppers.

It could also be about to face a critical shortage of shops. Earlier this week about a third of Tobacco Dock's tenants padlocked their doors and walked out in protest at the lack of customers. Some are certain to return, at least eight are not. They have shut their doors for the last time. Within the confines of the 19th century brick-built vaults the tenants are in revolt.

For a man who had only 35 tenants to start with, Mr Cohen is surprisingly sanguine about the walkout. "We feel that the main revolt is crumbling fast and that the tenants were very badly advised in the first place."

Mr Cohen readily concedes there are problems at the moment — with 12 of the developments shops closed by late morning yesterday, he can do little else.

He knows, as do his remaining tenants, that all retail is going through a bad time as high interest rates curb consumer spending. The sort of non-essential speciality shopping that Tobacco Dock offers is particularly hard hit.

On top of this, there is the inevitable problem of persuading London shoppers to head east, rather than west.

"We realize there are problems in retail at the moment and Tobacco Dock could take 18 months to two years to mature. Having said that, we have got tenants that are doing very well, with sales close to 95 per cent of target. But we have some smaller ones that are not doing well."

Mr Cohen says Tobacco Dock has not pushed tenants for rents, which are about a fifth of the level of the West End. Nor have the precise terms of the retailers' leases been enforced, despite clear breaches.

The problem he believes lies only with a small number of tenants, many of whom were new to retailing. "Some of them are taking a very amateurish stand. Some tenants said they had financial problems. But they refused to come to talk to us. They wanted to negotiate a blanket deal, which quite frankly we were not prepared to do."

This week the members of the rebel tenants' association — whose main aim is thought to have been the securing of a rent-free period — have been reluctant to discuss their problems. Their adviser, the property agent Sweby Cowan, also proved uncontactable.

But Mr Cohen and Tobacco Dock appear to be winning the day, although in the short term it does look like it will have fewer shops. Membership of the association dwindled from 23 to nine, as more and more traders distanced themselves from the increasingly acrimonious line being taken. After this week's walkout the association has been wound up.

Yesterday, most of the remaining tenants who are committed to the project met to form a new traders' association that will take a positive attitude to solving the short-term problems affecting the development.

Mr Angelo Agathangelou is owner of the fashion shop Graphite. He agrees with Mr Cohen that many of the traders doing the complaining were amateurs. "People came down here thinking they would make money straight away. You can't close your shop for half an hour just because there aren't any customers. I still feel this is very unique and the place to be. My takings are on the increase."

Mr Trevor Wheeler, of the wine merchant Berengers, is also committed to the project. "In any maturing mall there are always problems. But here we have got good relations with the landlord. We now hope to eliminate all the nonsense that has been going on." The new traders are due to meet with the Tobacco Dock management early next week.

But while the remaing traders remain committed, Mr Cohen still has problems. The second phase of the project is nearing completion and adds another 40,000 sq ft to the existing 100,000 sq ft at a time when letting shop units could not be harder.

As a result the company is now in active negotiations to bring a series of exhibitions and fairs that would attract new people to the scheme. Ideas now being considered involve art exhibitions, a leisure and pleasure fair over the summer and a pre-Christmas toy fair to be held in the autumn.

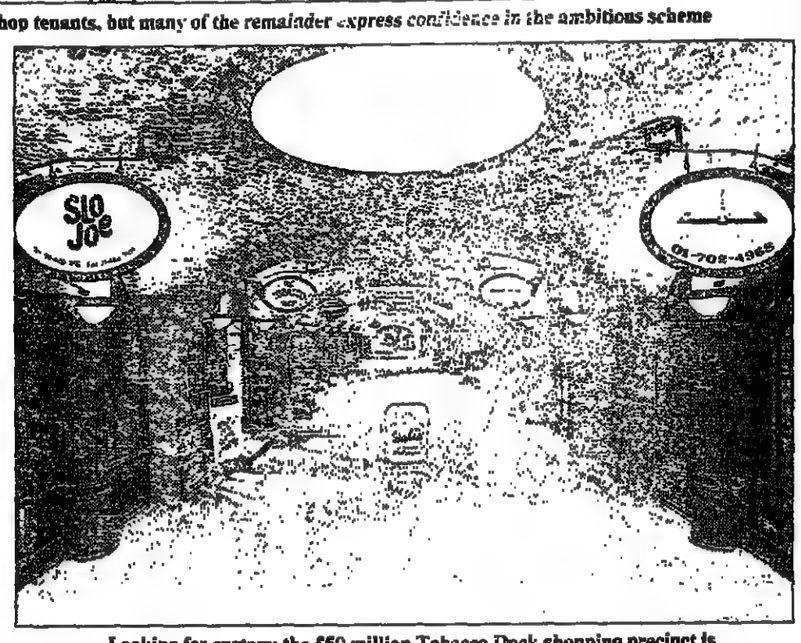
In addition Phase 1 will soon have Italian and Indian restaurants to add to the existing and flourishing English and American cafes and restaurants.

"I think the difference between Tobacco Dock and the high street is that our concept is leisure shopping. We try to make shopping fun. It's just made more difficult when you have a few belligerent tenants."

One area where Mr Cohen says he has no problem at all is with the banks that provided much of the £50 million of finance that, with the help of the architect Mr Terry Farrell, turned Tobacco Dock into what it is today.

Mr Cohen and his partner Mr Brian Jackson first conceived of the project in 1979, although it was not until 1982 that a company was formed to turn their plans into reality. But 1982 is still a long time before most developers discovered Docklands. "One of the saving graces is that we were one of the first into Docklands so we did not pay exorbitant money."

Mr Cohen and Mr Jackson both own 25 per cent of Tobacco Dock Developments. The remaining 50 per cent is owned by the Neal family behind the contractor Harry Neal. Mr Harry Neal is chairman of the company. His financial commitment to the project is thought to be the most powerful reason why Tobacco Dock should weather the current retail storm.



Looking for custom: the £50 million Tobacco Dock shopping precinct is finding the going tough attracting people to spend money in East London

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BUSINESS

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VPI in suit against Carter

THE VPI Group has launched a legal action against Mr Donald Carter, the former chairman of TCO, the US corporate takeover group purchased by VPI in 1987 (John Durie writes from New York).

The VPI action follows a guilty plea by Mr Carter in March on charges of grand larceny put by the New York state-organized crime task force.

The task force said at the time: "From 1984 on Carter had routinely billed clients for non-existent or inflated expenses and when necessary supplied fraudulent documentation to justify the false invoices."

VPI claims Mr Carter inflated the value of his firm and led it to make false statements to the London Stock Exchange on its acquisition.

MEPC warning

Sir Christopher Benson, chairman of MEPC, Britain's second biggest property group, gave warning that fears about increasing surplus space was affecting sentiment towards the property sector, while unveiling pre-tax profits for the six months to March, 20 per cent up at £77.4 million. The dividend rises to 5.25p (4.75p). Tempus, page 25

Compass leap

Compass Group, the contract caterer and operator of acute hospitals, made £13.7 million before tax in the half year to April 1, up 17 per cent, on sales 5 per cent higher at £176 million. Earnings rose 16 per cent to 13.4p and the interim dividend 15 per cent to 3.45p. Tempus, page 25

Chrysalis ahead

Chrysalis Group, the entertainment and television services group, unveiled half-way pre-tax profits of £487,000 (£2.1 million loss). The interim dividend is maintained at 2p. Tempus, page 25

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6925 (–0.0010)

W German mark
2.8349 (+0.0050)

Exchange index
89.0 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1805.2 (–4.8)

FT-SE 100
2277.1 (–10.3)

New York Dow Jones
2850.09 (–6.17)*

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month Interbank 15 1/16-15 1/32%
3-month eligible bills: 14 17/32-14½%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.84-7.83%*
30-year bonds 101 29/32-101 31/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6925	£: $1.6890*
£: DM2.8349	$: DM1.6815*
£: SwFr2.4016	$: SwFr1.4215*
£: FFr9.5380	$: FFr5.6430*
£: Yen256.50	$: Yen151.55*
£: Index 89.0	$: Index 67.3
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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $367.65 pm $366.50
close $366.25-366.75 (£216.25-216.75)
New York:
Comex $365.90-366.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jul) ..... $16.70 bbl ($16.75)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.19
Austria Sch	20.75	19.45
Belgium Fr	61.10	57.10
Canada $	2.08	1.97
Denmark Kr	11.27	10.57
Finland Mkk	6.96	6.56
France Fr	9.92	9.32
Germany Dm	2.945	2.765
Greece Dr	284.50	268.50
Hong Kong $	13.78	12.88
Ireland Pt	1.106	1.036
Italy Lira	2170	2040
Japan Yen	271	255
Netherlands Gld	3.295	3.115
Norway Kr	11.41	10.71
Portugal Esc	259.75	244.75
South Africa Rd	5.60	5.00
Spain Pta	183.50	171.50
Sweden Kr	10.69	10.09
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.35
Turkey Lira	4535	4135
USA $	1.772	1.672
Yugoslavia Dnr	23.75	17.75

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques
Retail Price Index: 125.1 (April)

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Labour's sums fail to add up for the City

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

CONCERN over Labour's spending plans, resigned acceptance of higher taxation and a feeling that full membership of the European Monetary System is vital to Labour's credibility was the general reaction to Labour's new policy document in the City yesterday.

Mr Roger Bootle, of Greenwell Montagu, said: "The difficult thing for Labour is how to reconcile an anti-inflation policy with its undoubted spending ambitions." Membership of the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS was "crucial" but might not be sufficient in itself because the option of devaluation within the system might prove too tempting.

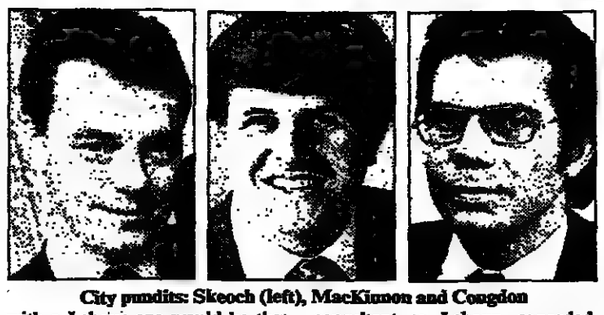
In Labour's favour, the party was not inhibited by its rhetoric from putting taxes up. "Although higher taxes would be unfortunate from the point of view of incentives, the level of demand in the economy is so serious that we are going to need a tight squeeze for some time whoever wins the next election," Mr Bootle said.

Mr Tim Congdon of Gerrard and National, monetarism's *enfant terrible*, agreed that ERM membership was vital and would be a powerful discipline.

Nevertheless he expects a reversion from the present budget surplus to a deficit of between 1 per cent and 3 per cent of GDP, which is the European norm. "Gilts would not like it, equities would retreat a bit, but everything would carry on much as before."

Though Labour's planned intervention in industry would be "a waste of money" life would go on.

Mr Congdon believes that the most important implication of replacing a Thatcher government with a Labour one would be that Britain would cease to be leader of the market-oriented tendency in Europe. The British tax system would no longer have a competitive advantage.



City pundits: Skeoch (left), MacKinnon and Congdon

Mr Neil MacKinnon of Yamaichi Securities, an economic consultant to Labour, conceded that the City was still probably "sceptical" about Labour's inflation and tax policies.

Labour was vulnerable to its dependence on ERM entry and the belief that the Conservatives were likely to take Britain in anyway before the next election. But Mr MacKinnon claimed that Labour was less open to criticism than it had been on public spending. "The Conservatives have been quite lax on the fiscal side and the surplus is fast disappearing. The Government's record on inflation is not much to write home about."

Mr MacKinnon also pointed out that the tax burden had risen under the Conservatives. "Work by some City pundits on Labour's tax policy is far wide of the mark, and their clients' money could be put to better use."

Both Mr MacKinnon and Mr Bootle said that, whatever the City's general attitude to public spending, there was a good deal of support for increased capital spending on infrastructure. Eleven years of Toryism has not, it seems, been to the commuter's advantage.

Mr Keith Skeoch of James Capel said the City was comparing Labour policy with late Thatcherism rather than early Thatcherism to Labour's advantage. "When the present authorities have made a bit of a mess of things in the short term most people are willing to given Labour a chance. But they are suspicious of Labour's ability to control public spending and inflation. Nor do I like the degree of interventionism, which smacks of the old Labour Party."

How will the Porsche-driving dealer from the East End react to the prospect of higher taxation on top earnings? "Obviously there are more high rollers in the City then elsewhere and they will be hurt more than most," says Mr Skeoch. "The archetypal City slicker will be horrified. Others will feel that if higher taxes are the price of fiscal rectitude they may have to be accepted."

B&C will sell Exco early to raise £250m

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

BRITISH & Commonwealth, the financial services group, has put Exco, the world's largest money broker, up for sale in an attempt to avoid a mounting cash problem.

SG Warburg, B&C's adviser, is to send out sale prospectuses to potential buyers. The disposal is expected to raise at least £250 million.

Mr Mark Wood, a senior executive at B&C, said more of B&C's businesses would be put up for sale in the coming weeks. Sources close to the company expect Oppenheimer, the US fund manager, to be on sale next for up to £100 million.

Exco is a specialist dealer in the wholesale money markets, including foreign exchange, options and interest rate swaps. It owns Williams, Cooke, Lott & Kissack, one of London's two inter-dealer gilts brokers. It made £37.8 million profit in 1988 and is thought to have made £40 million last year.

B&C's reconstruction programme, distributed last week to the company's senior creditors, originally suggested that Exco would not be sold until next year. Yesterday's public announcement suggests the company is trying to accelerate its emergency cash-raising programme to soften criticism from its banks. B&C was also worried that unconfirmed reports of the sale of Exco would cause staff walk-outs and depress the price. Mr Wood said B&C had continual offers for the company, although a management buyout backed by Banque Indosuez is possible. Potential buyers will need to receive regulatory approval before buying Exco.

B&C's shares were suspended last month after the company put its Atlantic Computers subsidiary into administration, writing off a £550 million investment.

The disposal of Exco comes as B&C faces increasing opposition from creditors to its reorganization plans. These ask for senior creditors to write off a quarter of their £700 million loans in return for preference and ordinary shares.

Some lenders have declared themselves against the write-offs, while there are still funds on offer to more junior lenders. These are being asked to take write-downs of up to 80 per cent.

The Warburg corporate finance team, led by Mr Alastair Defriez, is trying to redraft the proposals to satisfy the bankers. But brokers are beginning to doubt whether they can save the company. "It only takes a small minority of creditors to demand repayment. Warburg have very little room for manoeuvre," said one analyst.

Holders of B&C's £320 million convertible unsecured loan stock (Culs), have in particular shown their opposition. Only 20 per cent of the bondholders need to demand repayment for the issue to be cancelled. B&C does not have the resources to meet the claims and would fall into administration.

Mr Paul Hilton, of SG Investment, who has asked for repayment, said: "I'm not interested in their proposals, I want my money back."

Royal Exchange Trust, the Culs trustee, said repayment claims were still arriving, although they were not yet close to the 20 per cent limit.

The intended disposal will come as a harsh blow to Mr John Gunn, B&C's chief executive. Last month, when administrators were called into Atlantic Computers, Mr Gunn was still fighting to keep Exco out of the asset sell-off. Mr Gunn founded Exco in 1979 through the management buyout of Astley & Pearce. He took it to the stock market valued at £50 million two years later, and in 1986 brought it into B&C for £655 million. The announced sale brings the likelihood of his resignation closer.

BT quick to slice up its profits

ALISTAIR GRANT

Ringing the changes on management: Iain Vallance, the chairman, after announcing BT's results yesterday

BRITISH Telecom has charged £390 million against its profits to pay for a management reorganization and write down the value of its cable television interests, most of which have been put up for sale (Graham Searjeant writes).

The exceptional charges, which cover costs to be incurred over the next two years, including redundancy payments for 5,000 managers, depressed BT's pre-tax profits to £2.3 billion in the year to end-March, against £2.44 billion the year before. Without the charges, profits would have risen 10.5 per cent to £2.7 billion. The final dividend rises 14.4 per cent to 7.15p, making a total of 11.8p, up 12.4 per cent. This is in line with the rise in earnings per share, before exceptional costs, to 29.2p, although actual earnings fell 3.8p to 25p.

BT had a strong fourth quarter thanks to price increases last September. Turnover rose 14.2 per cent and profits before exceptional charges grew 19 per cent. Over the full year, turnover increased 11.2 per cent to £12.3 billion.

The next price increases, which must not exceed the rise in the retail price index less 4.5 per cent, are likely to come in September. BT shares rose 8p to 286p as some City analysts increased their forecasts of 1990-91 profits to nearly £3.1 billion.

Mr Iain Vallance, the chairman, strongly defended the management restructuring, which will abolish BT's 27 network districts and replace them with eight regional centres for personal business, five business regions and three network sectors. He said that cutting the number of management layers from a maximum of 11 to six was fundamental to reducing bureaucracy. Total staff cuts are likely to reach 10,000 this year, after 2,200 last year.

BT has switched its annual meeting from the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, to the Royal Centre, Nottingham.

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Markets shrug off growth

THE financial markets shrugged off further signs yesterday that the British economy was growing more strongly than expected.

Between February and March industrial production grew by 1.8 per cent, higher than City forecasts of less than 1 per cent, after a revised 0.6 per cent fall in February.

Over the first quarter of 1990 output of the production industries was broadly unchanged on the final quarter of 1989. Manufacturing output increased by 1 per cent over the same period. Wage costs rose an annual 7.8 per cent.

The pound's trade-weighted index ended the day unchanged at 89.0, but the FT-SE 100 index lost 10.3 points to close at 2277.1.

● The US government has revised downward its estimate of the gross national product for the first quarter of this year to a lower than expected annual growth rate of 1.3 per cent. Inflation rose at the fastest rate in more than seven years, reaching 5.7 per cent.

Thorn in lighting talks with GTE

By Melinda Wittstock

THORN EMI, long considered a prime candidate for a break-up bid, has entered into negotiations to sell its lighting division in a deal likely to fetch between £350 million and £400 million.

Thorn EMI began talks with GTE Corporation, the largest US telecommunications group outside Bell, after concluding that it was not prepared to invest on the massive scale required to put Thorn Lighting in the global league.

A deal with GTE would create the world's largest lighting business after Philips.

Shares in Thorn EMI immediately shot up 21p to 733p on the news, which the City agreed would free the company to "concentrate on things it can do better."

The proceeds of the deal, expected to be concluded within the next two months, would be used to eliminate borrowings of about £330 million, allowing Thorn EMI more flexibility to expand its music business. It recently lost out to MCA in its bid to buy Geffen Records, one of the world's few remaining independent music companies.

Mr Colin Southgate, the managing director, said Thorn will concentrate on its two remaining core businesses — rentals, where it is the biggest in the world, and music.

He added that there was "no question whatsoever" of adding another leg on to the business with an acquisition of a major software player, as was suggested by some analysts.

Thorn EMI is expected next week to report pre-tax profits of £315 million (£289.1 million) for the year to end-March, with earnings per share of about 65p (60.7p). The lighting division is expected to turn in operating profits of £35 million, about 15 per cent down on last year.

GTE, a world leader in lighting, precision materials and telecommunications, reported 1989 pre-tax profits of $1.4 billion.

Brittan is for a free 'EuroFed'

By Wolfgang Münchau

SIR Leon Brittan, the European Commission vice-president, said yesterday that it favours a European Central Bank modelled on the West German Bundesbank. The "EuroFed" should be independent of political interference, and price stability must be its exclusive objective.

He told a Federal Trust Conference on European Monetary Union, in London: "We must ... resist pressure to seek to make the central bank responsible for other economic objectives. A central bank cannot, by its own decisions about monetary policy, guarantee full employment."

Mr Peter Lilley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, told the conference that monetary union should achieve low inflation and someone must be accountable for mistakes.

The latter aim conflicts with demands by the West German government that an EC central bank be independent.

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High noon for the Saatchi seven

By David Brewerton

AT NOON yesterday, a battered Ford Cortina estate car turned up at the doors of MacFarlanes, the solicitor, of Norwich Street, near the Inns of Court in London. Out of the back came a number of used marker pens, three half-used layout pads, five colour televisions, an equal number of video recorders, videos, various documents and keys, a photograph of the Berlin Wall and a copy of the ad-man's bible, *Fifty Ways to Keep Your Clients Happy*.

No, MacFarlanes was not having a giant boot sale, but merely taking delivery, from fellow solicitor DJ Freeman, of that which belongs to its client, Saatchi & Saatchi.

The goods turned up as a result of an ultimatum given to the seven employees of Saatchi & Saatchi who quit the advertising agency last week. Saatchi had given the seven until noon to return property which the agency says had been retained by the ex-employees. Unless they complied, a High Court injunction would have been sought.

That the items were unreturned became clear after the seven quit to set up their own "lean and fit" agency, Cowan, Kemsley, Taylor. The televisions and videos were those which senior Saatchi employees have at home as a perk of the job, the layout pads and marker pens the contents of brief cases.

The afternoon did not end with the delivery of the goods. Each of the ex-employees then gave an undertaking to the High Court that they will swear, by noon on Tuesday, an affidavit setting out that they have in fact returned all the agency's property and documents including lists of, and written information relating to, Saatchi & Saatchi's customers. According to Paul Cowan, head of the new agency, Saatchi can relax. "We have never retained any confidential information," he said.

Saatchi's real worry is not that it might have lost a few colour television sets but that the magnificent seven will take clients, and they will not be so easy to get back. Knowledge is money in the media business. So the seven will also have to provide, in their affidavits, "details of the use they have made of Saatchi & Saatchi's property prior to its return." Watching *Neighbours*, perhaps or *Blind Date*? How embarrassing.

Mortgage rates cut demand for loans

By Lindsay Cook
FAMILY MONEY EDITOR

HIGHER mortgage rates cut the demand for building society loans dramatically in April when net new commitments fell by £926 million to £3.24 billion.

The lending figures had been gradually increasing each month since December's low point of £2.89 billion, until mortgage rates were increased by about one percentage point to their highest rate ever.

Mr Mark Boleat, the director general of the Building Societies Association, said: "The decline in building society lending in April from March reflects higher mortgage rates announced in February and the generally depressed state of the housing market."

But building societies had a good month for savings, with net receipts increasing to £783 million in April from £363 million in March.

Mr Boleat said: "The increase in net new receipts to societies is very encouraging and partly reflects the increase in savings rates from March.

"Receipts had picked up in the first quarter and April's result represents a clear confirmation of this upward trend."

Wolverhampton & Dudley raises a glass to £13.8m

By Martin Waller

WOLVERHAMPTON & Dudley Breweries, whose managing director, Mr David Thompson, delivered a stern warning on prospects at the end of last year, raised pre-tax profits from £13.1 million to £13.8 million in the six months to April 1.

The interim dividend is raised from 3.2p to 3.7p. Mr Thompson has forecast a total payout this year of 9p.

He repeated his warning about the prospects for the beer trade in the current year. "There's a big question mark as to what the summer does. We think that the market as a whole will be down 3 per cent."

Wolverhampton & Dudley does not give figures for volume growth, to avoid tipping off its competitors, but Mr Thompson said volumes were up and its market share was showing a slight improvement, particularly in the second quarter of the year.

"Third-quarter trading has started very well, and the margins are good," he said.

The first-half figures were hit by rising interest costs as a result of heavy investment in its beer brands and public houses, in packaging plant at the Wolverhampton brewery and on restaurants. Property profits were also cut back from £261,000 to £30,000 as the group refused to sell properties in the current market conditions at less than its view of their long-term value.

Analysts' forecasts are for pre-tax profits of £32-£33 million in the current year.

Mr Thompson said the success or failure of brewers over the next three years would be decided on their exploitation of their brands. "The consumer is really telling us that provided the brand values and the quality is right, he's prepared to pay a good price."

Wolverhampton & Dudley's brands include Banks's ale and Harp lagers.

The company has 850 public houses and would be keen to increase to the 2,000 limit allowed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if the right properties become available.

● Pre-tax profits at Young & Co's Brewery, Wandsworth, South London, were static at £4.62 million in the year to end-March.

Earnings per share were ahead at 24.11p (21.54p) and a final dividend of 6p makes a total of 11.5p (10.2p).

JAMES GRAY

Family team: David Thompson (left) with his father, Edwin, the chairman

Lloyds to pay £23m for C&H chemists

By Colin Campbell

LLOYDS Chemists is paying £23.2 million cash for Cross & Herbert, the seventh largest UK chemist chain, to be financed by an issue of new shares at 160p each and £9.8 million of bank borrowings.

The deal, involving 73 chemist stores and a drugstore, will give Lloyds wider geographic coverage and lead to a group network of 574 stores, of which 429 will be chemists and 145 drugstores.

Cross & Herbert had operating profits, after head office costs, of £1.38 million in the year to September, up from £1.17 million, on turnover of £26.9 million (£24.4 million).

Lloyds says that it will introduce tighter overhead controls at C&H, which include the closure and subsequent sale of its head office and distribution centre.

Lloyds will buy C&H's preference shares at 112.5p cash, and says that it has undertakings to accept the offer for 57.27 per cent of ordinary shares and 86.47 per cent of preference capital. Lloyds says that its own shareholders may participate in the issue of 8.37 million shares to fund part of the deal, applying for as many as they wish.

Shares in Lloyds fell 6p to 161p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dobson Park issues slow trade warning

DOBSON Park Industries, whose industrial electronics interests are more important in profit terms than mining equipment operations, has given warning that second-half trading levels are unlikely to change significantly from the first half. It says the outlook for consumer- and construction-related products is uncertain, implying slow trading.

Interim pre-tax profits to March 31 were £10.16 million (£9.06 million) on turnover of £129.7 million (£114.7 million). Profits from toys and plastics fell from £861,000 to £428,000, while the net interest charge rose from £324,000 to £1.21 million. The interim dividend is held at 1.9p, payable August 13. Dobson Park made pre-tax profits of £19.19 million on turnover of £261.4 million in its previous full financial year. The shares eased 1½p to 87p.

Blick ahead at half time

BLICK, the supplier of clocking-in equipment and radio pagers, saw pre-tax profits climb 7 per cent to £2.65 million in the six months to end-March. Turnover grew from £10.8 million to £11 million. Earnings per share rose from 8.72p to 9.03p, and the interim dividend is improved from 2.4p to 2.5p. A final dividend of not less than 4.5p (4.2p) is intended.

BHH buyout scheme fails

NEGOTIATIONS for a management buyout at BHH Group, the property developer, have been ended after the buyout team's failure to gain finance. Shares in the former Berkeley & Hay Hill fell 17p to 60p. Paribas, financial adviser to Mr David Fitzgerald, chairman, and Mr Robin Bagnall, finance director, blamed difficult trading conditions due to high interest rates.

Elliott advances 73%

B ELLIOTT, the machine tool group being turned round by Mr Michael Frye, has increased pre-tax profits by 73 per cent to £7.63 million in the year to March on sales 53 per cent up at £125 million.

Although the £39 million of purchases from Williams Holdings, Meggitt and private vendors were the main reason for the rise, Mr Frye said that organic growth in profits from the original businesses exceeded 30 per cent. Earnings per share rose 25 per cent to 12.5p. The final dividend is up by 0.6p to 3.1p, leaving the total 21 per cent ahead at 4.35p.

James Smith tops £1m

JAMES Smith Estates, the USM property investment group, has revealed a 53 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £1.14 million in the year to March 24. Earnings per share rose 48 per cent to 5.07p, while the final dividend is raised to 2p (0.94p), making 3p (1.64p) for the year. Net assets per share improved from 151.9p to 164p.

Systems in French deal

SYSTEMS Reliability Holdings, the acquisitive computer dealing-to-telephone systems group, has acquired 67 per cent of CPG, which is based in Paris, and all of Conseil Assistance Électronique, which owns 33 per cent of CPG, for an initial Fr4.89 million (£513,000) in cash. There are additional payments up to Fr2 million, depending on profits.

GE to receive $500m

GENERAL Electric of the US will receive $500 million in compensation for a failed joint venture arrangement with Daimler-Benz after a court settlement in New York.

GE took the action after Motoren and Turbinen Union, Daimler's engine division, struck a deal with Pratt and Whitney, United Technologies' engine division. The lawsuit alleged the agreement breached a previous alliance with GE and risked the loss of trade secrets Daimler may have gained from its co-operation in the GE-90 engine development programme. The new joint venture will concentrate on the Pratt and Whitney high-thrust PW4000 engine.

Profits up by 45% for Verson

PRE-TAX profits at Verson International Group, the West Midlands metal-forming machinery-maker, jumped by 45.5 per cent to £2.47 million in the year to end-January.

Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, grew by 63 per cent to £69.1 million. Earnings per share climbed 41 per cent to 2.75p, while the final dividend is improved to 0.6p (0.4p), making a total of 0.81p (0.575p) for the year.

The group entered the new year with order books 47 per cent ahead of last year and this has continued to increase, reaching about £80 million by the end of last month, with 73 per cent for export.

Elswick ahead

Elswick, the lawn-cutting equipment and bicycles maker, lifted pre-tax profits by 34 per cent to £2.42 million in the year to end-January despite higher interest costs. Sales, which were boosted by acquisitions, grew by 18 per cent to £47.4 million. Earnings per share climbed from 1.27p to 1.67p, with diluted earnings up from 1.19p to 1.58p. There is a final dividend of 0.40p, making 0.60p (0.45p).

Bennett talks

Bennett & Fountain, the electrical retailer and distributor, has confirmed that it is in talks with a third party "who is interested in subscribing for new shares at a moderate premium to the current market price." The shares climbed by 3p to 40p on the news.

Changes at Standard Chartered

By Neil Bennett
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

STANDARD Chartered, the international banking group, has reorganized its board as part of its recovery plan.

Mr Geoffrey Williams, deputy chairman of Schroders, is to be made head of all the merchant banking operations.

Mr Malcolm Williamson, who joined Standard 18 months ago after being managing director of Girobank, becomes head of all the group's main banking activities, responsible for 700 offices in more than 50 countries. He was the head of the bank's Eastern hemisphere.

Mr Williams, who retires from Schroders in July, will be responsible for Chartered WestLB, Standard's new joint venture with Westdeutsche Landesbank, and the merchant banks in Asia and Africa.

Mr Bill Brown, deputy chief executive, becomes deputy chairman. Mr John MacKenzie will take control of the group's financial services businesses, including Chartered Trust, the finance house.

This is the second stage of a reorganization Mr Rodney Galpin, chairman, began after a strategic review last summer. Since he joined the bank two years ago, more than 30 of the 40 senior management positions have changed.

Mr Galpin said this month that Standard would have difficulty increasing its trading profits this year.

Fine Art posts an improved £25.7m

By Melinda Wittstock

FINE Art Developments, the greeting card and mail order business which had warned of a slowdown in profits growth, recovered from the impact of the postal strike in its previous financial year to increase pre-tax profits by 13.6 per cent to £25.7 million on sales up 16.1 per cent to £256 million for the year to end-March.

But the company said that the full-year results, "while above last year, were below our expectations."

Though agency mail order performance during the peak Christmas season was "highly satisfactory," the momentum did not carry through to the spring, said the company. The direct mail operations of Venture Marketing, which has since been sold, also "suffered dramatically" from the downturn in consumer spending.

Fine Art said its greeting cards and paper products division again turned in a strong performance, with the exception of the Papertree high street chain, which became yet another retailer struck by high interest rates.

The acquisition of Hestair Hope, for £11.6 million last November, made no "material" contribution to profits.

Earnings per share rose by 14.5 per cent to 22.21p. A final dividend of 6.6p (5.75p) makes a total of 8.9p (7.75p).

British Telecom and the party line

COMMENT

British Telecom's future is destined to be more political over the next two years than at any time since privatization in 1984. This is not simply because its shareholders must take seriously the prospect of a Labour government still committed to controlling BT's remaining telephone monopoly.

More immediately, BT faces a crucial review of domestic competition starting in November. The European Commission is bound to have something to say about excessive charges for international calls, where BT regards itself as an innocent beneficiary of international cartels.

The Government could choose to throw a pre-election spanner in Labour's intended works. This could be done by selling the state's remaining 49 per cent of BT stock.

The Labour "threat" is nothing like the reversal of privatization and competition implicit last time. The new policy is still to raise the state stake by the 2 per cent needed for boardroom control. But Labour overtly aims to use control only as an instrument of French *dirigisme* to wire British homes up with advanced multi-use fibre optic cable.

BT has its own, much more modest plans in this direction. In Britain, fibre optics are mainly confined to trunk lines and special areas such as the City. But BT is to experiment in Bishops Stortford, using fibre optics to transmit entertainment to televisions.

This is mainly to promote the strategy of seeking permission, in the review, to compete with cable links through its telephone network. In exchange, BT is getting out of cable, thus removing a competitive bar to the overseas telephone companies investing in cable as a means of delivering an alternative telephone service.

If BT's strategy succeeds, it could find itself arguing with a Labour government mainly over the speed of infrastructure investment rather than principle. Such niceties lessen the Government's incentive to sell the rest of BT just in case. It would have to act fast to do this before the autumn of next year, since the various phases of electricity will fill the privatization timetable from this autumn.

The competition review is not the threat it might once have seemed for BT, principally because of its perceived improvement in performance. In practice, BT will be taking an offensive line, seeking to show that competition — not just from Mercury — is now sufficiently real to loosen regulation. This may be premature. But BT certainly has a strong case in urging the Government to press for a level playing field on foreign entry, initially in the US, where there is a 25 per cent limit, and notably on the the continent, where the BT's of a decade ago still rule.

Global view

Globe shareholders have been enjoying the pleasant experience of watching their company's net asset value growing faster than spring flowers. That is if you take the figures — three different ones in six weeks — at their face value.

While this may seem little more than the usual knock-about stuff to be expected when an institution such as Globe, which prizes its independence highly, is fighting tooth and nail to ward off a bid, there is a serious danger that shareholders may miss out on the opportunity to take a profit on their shares if they fail to ask just how realistic the latest valuation really is.

Part of the problem is that Globe has so far refused to break out the detailed calculations which underpin the new figures. These are promised in the annual report. But pending its arrival, shareholders should take note of the reservations made by the Coal Board Pension funds, which are offering 191p per share, or £1.03 billion.

In the past there has been very little daylight between the provisional net asset values published by the Association of Investment Trust Companies and the subsequently presented official figures from the company. This year, the divergence was considerable. When Globe released the official figures in May, at 213p per share, they were 8.55p above AITC's number — a gain in money terms of no less than £46 million. Both Globe itself and the AITC have access to the stock market prices which are the valuation basis for Globe's quoted investments. The difference has to be in the values Globe itself places on its unquoted assets. This implies an uplift of a third, which takes some explaining.

Globe is now asking shareholders to accept a further rise from 213p to 225p, or an additional £83 million. Half of the latest rise comes from a directors' view of the worth of Globe's management company from £7.1 million in the books to and eyebrow raising £51 million. This may be so. But if it is, then in order to support the new value, the management company would have to make arms length charges for managing Globe's assets, which would surely depress the stated asset figure accordingly.

Pending the next round in the war of words, shareholders might care to note that in March Mr Jimmy West, Globe's managing director, sold 161,000 shares at 171p each, after exercising options based on asset performance. That may give yet another perspective on what Globe's assets are really worth in the market.

Exploding myths in the great debate over EMU

BRITAIN is unique among European countries in that the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) and a single European currency form part of public debate. The same may be said of Britain's financial markets and their recent, though unfounded, excitement over the prospect of sterling's joining the ERM.

Yesterday's Federal Trust Conference on European Monetary Union, held in the City, was an example of this phenomenon. Had it taken place in any other EC country, it would probably have been ignored. Not so in Britain. The press turned out in force and two television crews covered the event.

Proponents of a single European currency, including Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the European Commission, see monetary union as a necessary part of a genuine single European market. Without it, cross-border trade will continue to be hampered by exchange-rate risks and crowded out by transaction costs, he says.

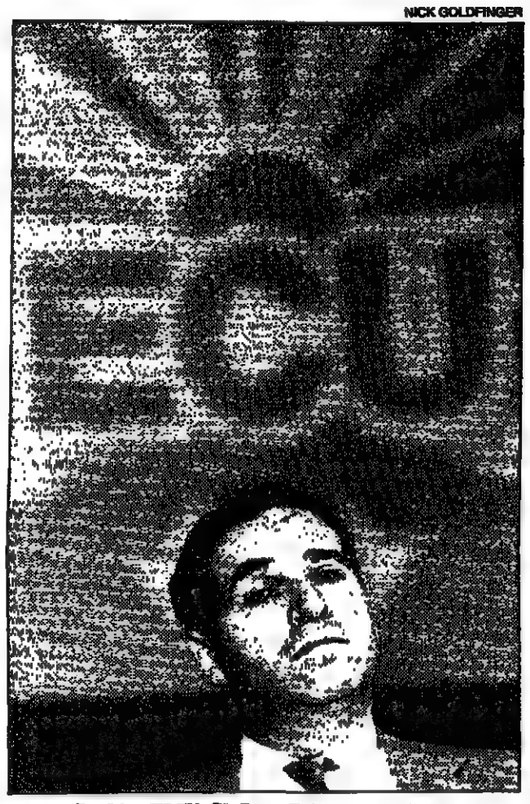
The sceptics, such as Professor Patrick Minford, of Liverpool University, regard it as a route to possibly even higher inflation. After all, he argued, inflation in Britain picked up while the country was trying to shadow the Deutschmark.

The debate, of course, has not started recently, nor will it end soon, nor has it yielded much in tangible results. What is surprising is that so much of the debate is based on a number of myths.

The most often quoted myth is that Britain is the odd one out in Europe, and that while the rest of Europe badly wants a single currency by the end of the decade, or even before, Britain's opposition will leave sterling a miserable off-shore currency. Yet, in reality the differences between the British and Continental positions are becoming ones of style, rather than substance.

West Germany's position is pivotal. At the Strasbourg European summit in December, Chancellor Kohl was cajoled into accepting the principle of a single currency in return for German reunification, but that country's deep-rooted fear of rapid change in monetary matters could return.

NICK GOLDFINGER



Backing EMU: Sir Leon Brittan yesterday

German monetary union (GMU), due in July, may exhaust the conservative Federal Republic's willingness to take risks with inflation.

One of West Germany's most influential powerbrokers during the forthcoming intergovernmental conference will be Herr Hans Tietmeyer, until recently state secretary in the finance ministry. Now a director in the Bundesbank, and seconded as GMU adviser to Herr Kohl, it is his lot to reconcile a sceptical Bundesbank and an adventurous government.

Naturally, Herr Tietmeyer supports a single European currency. He also insists that all central banks would need to adopt equivalent money supply targets and move to convergence of minimum reserve requirements. Britain and Germany use different money targets (M0 in Britain, M3 in Germany) and both would adamantly defend their positions. The proposed convergence forms part of the second stage of the Delors plan, which EC officials in Brussels already admit will be the most difficult stage.

Herr Tietmeyer is sceptical whether European countries would be prepared to make these changes once they can see the short-term consequences. In Italy, where minimum reserve requirements are among the highest in the world, interest rates would need to rise in order to compensate for the accompanying surge in credit. In Britain, where reserve requirements are minimal, interest rates could come down a shade, although the Government remains opposed to anything smelling of credit controls.

Stage-two Delors would require, at the very least, many countries to take decisions against their short-term interests. They include, of course, Britain, but also Spain, Portugal, Greece, and Italy. In short, Herr Tietmeyer remains deeply sceptical about the realization of single currency by the end of decade, and, after reunification, West Germany may see little gain from hasty pan-Europeanism.

The EC commission has accepted one of Germany's main demands, that the "EuroFed" be independent of political influence. According to Sir Leon, price stability should be the EuroFed's exclusive objective, making it a kind of Bundesbank clone.

"If war is too important a matter to leave to generals, money is certainly too delicate an issue to be left to economists," Sir Leon said. He did not say that money is also too precious a commodity to be left to politicians.

So far, the commission and the Council of Ministers have not shown much interest in independent bodies. Whether they will agree to yield power in the vital matter of money remains open to question.

Wolfgang Münchau

TEMPUS

Unfortunate timing for MEPC

THE gloomy statement from Sir Christopher Benson, the MEPC chairman, which accompanied the interim results, undid all the good work that Land Securities' finals had done the day before.

Sir Christopher's remarks contrasted markedly with the cautious optimism of Mr Peter Hunt, chairman of Land Securities, who on Wednesday spoke of being able to see the light at the end of property's dark tunnel.

There was no such optimism from Sir Christopher. He pointed out that development surpluses were being eroded and that property values were under pressure. While earnings will improve this year, the same might not be said for net assets.

So why do Britain's two biggest property companies see the future so differently? The answer is timing.

Mr Hunt is right in seeing the light at the end of the tunnel for companies as well financed as Land Securities and MEPC — witness MEPC's 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £77.4 million in the six months to March and its dividend of 5.25p (4.74p).

But Sir Christopher is right in thinking that before things get better, they will get worse. The misfortune for MEPC is that the revaluation of its portfolio will come at the end of September when the "adverse sentiment" that he talks about may, if anything, have deteriorated. Valuation yields, already moving higher at a rate of knots, could still be high. That is bad luck and bad news for MEPC.

Land Securities, on the other hand, having scraped in with a 2.1 per cent rise in net asset value for last year, now has 10 months to go before its £5.6 billion portfolio is revalued. By then interest rates should be moving sharply down and valuation yields could be following. For those playing the short game Land Securites looks the safer bet.

Chrysalis

EVEN the most perspicacious observer of the pop scene or the shrewdest City analyst would a year ago have had difficulty predicting that the unearthly ululations of Miss Sinead O'Connor would be the saving of Chrysalis Group.

Miss O'Connor's efforts, which could yet produce for Chrysalis its biggest-selling album, made no contribution to first-half figures showing pre-tax profits of just £487,000 against losses of £2.1 million last time. Since then the album has notched up revenues of about £30 million for Chrysalis's record business, now jointly owned by Thorn EMI.

Further losses from the US record side in the first half were slightly more than matched by earnings from the European and UK business. Chrysalis is now promising a quadrupling of US revenues this year and a doubling for the music side as a whole.

Interest payments tumbled as a result of the Thorn deal, although £10 million was spent on property. The first-half figures took a £909,000 hit as a result of a provision for unrealized losses on US dollar investments.

The shares are at a low of 118p. All that is keeping them up is the inflated price the market is currently putting on record libraries and the chances of Thorn being allowed to come back for the rest.

Chrysalis could make £3.2 million pre-tax this year but will suffer from an inflated tax charge. Next year profits of perhaps £5 million give a prospective multiple of a little more than 8, given the benefit of US tax losses. Still hard to justify.

Compass

WHEN a business changes hands more than once in a couple of years, suspicion is bound to arise that there is something wrong. In July 1987, Grand Metropolitan sold its contract catering subsidiary, Compass, to a management team, which floated it less than 18 months later.

Even though Compass's operating profits had quadrupled in the previous four years, the shares were offered at 245p, a lowly multiple of 10 times prospective earnings — and, as a final insult, a third of the issue was left with the underwriters.

Fortunately, the market's doubts proved groundless. After rising 29 per cent to £25.1 million last year, pre-tax profits advanced a further 17 per cent to £13.7 million in the six months to April 1.

Although £1.2 million of the rise was due to the acquisition of the former USM-quoted hospital group, Health Care Services, and Winterbourne Hospital in the early months of 1989, earnings per share increased 16 per cent to 13.4p.

These purchases left operating profits from the healthcare side 72 per cent ahead at £4.3 million. But the original contract catering and security operations still chip in more than two thirds of the total and profits from these rose 15 per cent to £12.4 million.

Analysts expect full-year profits of £29.5 million and earnings of 28.7p, putting the shares, at 339p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 12. The rating took a heavy knock two months ago at the time of the aborted £97 million bid for Sketchley. However, Compass insists that it has only piecemeal hospital acquisitions in its sights and the shares should recover further as confidence returns.

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Power talks beyond GEC

MOUNTING speculation that Malcolm Bates, the deputy managing director at GEC, may be about to become the first chairman of National Power — after Lord Marshall walked out in protest at cuts in the nuclear programme — is thought to be exacerbating the succession problem at GEC, which is currently preoccupying Lord Weinstock. Bates had often been tipped in City circles as Weinstock's most likely successor, and talk of his negotiations with the Treasury over National Power — although denied by Bates's office — is in turn fuelling speculation that he must have been ruled out of the top job at GEC. With Weinstock's 66th birthday barely two months away — the company has a ruling that all personnel must retire at 65 — allowances being made for GEC's takeover of Plessey last year are starting to wear thin. City followers of the stock, still convinced that Weinstock would dearly love his son Simon, aged 40, and ex-SG Warburg, to succeed him one day, are drawing up a shortlist of internal candidates. Included on that list are main board directors Iain MacBean, Douglas Gadd, David Powell, and Rees Williams, who left the company after Bates had been promoted over him, but subsequently returned. Also listed is Kelvin Bray, who runs Ruston Gas Turbines and covered himself in glory when he helped put together the Alsthom power station joint venture. "Lord Weinstock has a lot of good people," quipped one observer. "But my guess is that he'll become chairman and install someone in their early 60s as MD — that gives Simon a couple more years to get ready."

REGARDLESS of who was really at fault over the confusion that surrounded the premature publication of the MMC report recommending that Kingfisher's bid for Dixons be blocked, Her Majesty's Stationery Office took the brunt of light-hearted City criticism. In one watering hole in the Square Mile it was mischievously being suggested that the initials HMSO stood for Horribly Muddled Sales Operation.

High-flying fall

BANKERS Trust's Andy Neale is used to the rough and tumble of the traded options pitch. And so colleagues were understandably surprised when he walked on to the floor recently with his arm in a plaster cast. Neale had in fact been paragliding in Wales — seemingly a new City craze — and had fallen badly on landing. "It was just the second flight of the day, and I fell 25 feet out of the sky," laments Neale, who broke his wrist in the process. Due to move to Paris next month, to join a Bankers Trust team trading French index options on the bourse, Neale clearly intends to acclimatize to the change in culture in some style. He and 15 fellow options traders are crossing the Channel this weekend for the Fountainbleau Ball — one of the highlights of the Parisian social year.

Mearns steps out

ALISTAIR Mearns, the partner at Moore Stephens, the City accountant, who is responsible for the firm's development in Poland — where it opened an office in October last year — could easily be mistaken as something of a frustrated artist. For he has, I'm told, taken to drawing around the feet of colleagues on large sheets of white paper. He is also often seen with a tape measure in hand, to ensure a life-size reproduction of his subject. There is, however — in keeping with that well-known trait of the profession — a far more logical explanation. For Mearns, aged 29, has discovered a shoemaker just around the corner from Moore Stephens' Warsaw office, has kitted himself out with a pair of black brogues, and is being inundated with orders from his fellow number-crunchers. "If I draw round the feet and measure the bridge, he can make the shoes to measure," Mearns explains. "I bring back one pair each time I go." And while most orders are for conventional black or brown brogues, Gervase Hulbert, the chairman of the firm's international division, has been seen sporting a red snakeskin pair. As might be expected of accountants, the numbers certainly stack up. Each pair costs just £20 — a hefty saving on Lobb, the St James's bootmaker, where a standard calf hide pair will set you back £840, plus VAT, and a top of the range crocodile pair £2,314. Red snakeskin falls somewhere in between.

WE ALL know that the economic situation in Australia is a little difficult, but surely it can't be that bad . . . outside the Duke of Wellington Hotel, a hostelry in Melbourne frequented by journalists and brokers alike, is a bill board which boasts: "Raunchy waitress, 4-6 Fridays, happy hour. Buy one, get one free."

Contra Callander

AGAINST all odds, some might say, yet another City firm is stepping up its market-making activities. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, which began making markets in 23 British stocks last September, is in the process of increasing its coverage from 66 to 72 stocks, and hopes to be dealing in all those on the FT-SE 100 index before the end of the year. "I like being contra-cyclical," said Julian Burn-Callander, head of sales. "Some people might be surprised by our decision, but SGST is different in that it already has a largely profitable business in ADRs and derivatives, and if you have that expertise it's silly not to be doing fundamental market-making." The firm now has 10 salesmen, including Ian Vickery, from BZW, Pat Lodge, ex-Morgan Grenfell and Albert E Sharp, and Jane Thompson, from Warburg.

Carol Leonard

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Belgium's closer tie to mark welcomed

From Michael Binyon in Brussels

BELGIAN political leaders and businessmen have given a generally warm welcome to the government's decision to peg the Belgian franc more closely to the Deutschmark — a move that significantly strengthens the mark's position as Western Europe's *de facto* common currency.

The franc will now operate within a very narrow band against the mark within the European Monetary System. The Dutch guilder is already tied to the mark, and the decision by the Belgian National Bank effectively makes the mark the central currency throughout the Benelux countries. Luxembourg will automatically follow the Belgian decision, since it is tied to Belgium in a currency union.

Mr Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian finance minister, said the move would be part of the first phase of the EC plan for economic and monetary union, which is to start on July 1. The next day sees the start of German currency union, with the Deutschmark becoming the only legal tender of East Germany.

The Belgian decision, only a month before German currency union, is a sign of confidence by Germany's neighbours that this union will not weaken the mark or lead to inflation. It vindicates the claim by the Bundesbank that Germany can manage both German and European economic union at the same time.

This move means that the market has leapt ahead of the Delors report, which foresaw a common currency being introduced in the final stage of EMU, after the setting up of a European System of Central Banks. Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president, said last week that the new common currency could not be a "basket" of currencies as the Ecu is. If the name "Ecu" were kept, the new common currency would have to be different, with a fixed, independent value. Effectively, he came close to suggesting that it should be the Deutschmark with a different name.

The Belgian franc has benefited from Belgium's rapidly improving financial situation in recent years. Inflation has come down to a respectable figure, real GNP growth last year registered 4.4 per cent and there is a sound balance of payments surplus.

The government has embarked on a campaign to bring more discipline to the budget, and to reduce the huge deficit by tough public spending cuts. It also wants to open Belgian financial markets to greater competition before the end of 1992. Already this year, Belgium has cut its withholding tax on bonds and bank interest from 25 per cent to 10 per cent and abolished an archaic dual exchange rate system.

The hope now is that by pegging the franc to the mark, the government can convince markets that the franc is stable, see a fall in interest rates and benefit from Germany's strong growth.

Luxembourg is pleased by the move since West Germany is the Grand Duchy's largest trading partner. Luxembourg and Belgian officials believe that the integration of the Benelux group will be accelerated by having a common Deutschmark zone.

Only some of the socialists in the Belgian coalition government express doubts. They are concerned that closer ties with the mark will demand a stricter monetary and budgetary policy, and the French-speaking socialists are fearful of too much German influence on the economy.

Commentators here say that public expenditure and wage policies will be almost completely defined by the Bundesbank, and that this should have been more fully discussed in public beforehand. Such fears echo arguments in Britain over ceding financial sovereignty in the later stages of the Delors report.

Chiltern Radio tunes into growth

JAMES MORGAN

Going for SuperGold listeners: Peter Burton (left), with Colin Mason, Chiltern Radio's managing director

CHILTERN Radio, the Home Counties commercial radio group in which Capital Radio has a 22.9 per cent stake, has boosted pre-tax profits by 43 per cent to £403,000 on turnover up 23 per cent to £1.89 million, for the six months to end-March. (Melinda Wittstock writes).

It has done so on the back of growth in both local and national advertising revenue. Local advertising, which accounts for 70 per cent of Chiltern's advertising revenue, was up 30 per cent, with national advertising up 10 per cent.

Mr Peter Burton, the chairman, said local advertising revenue is up 60 per cent in April, more than compensating for nil growth in national advertising.

"We anticipated the slowdown in national advertising and responded by trimming back costs," he said, adding that Chiltern had saved £150,000 from 12 redundancies.

Chiltern, which is to split its frequencies in June, is to launch a service aimed at the 35-to-65 age group called SuperGold on three of its four FM stations.

Mr Burton said SuperGold will operate within existing studio capacity at virtually no extra operating cost.

Chiltern, which supplies administrative services and sets up transmission systems and studios for other stations such as KCBC, Kettering, and Choice FM, South London, is looking for other similar deals. It is also keen on acquiring existing stations as well as applying for new radio franchises.

Interim earnings per share increased 29 per cent to 4.5p, while the interim dividend rose 43 per cent to 1p. Shares in Chiltern climbed 5p to 170p.

Slump hits margins at Westbury

By Matthew Bond

THE deteriorating climate for house sales is hitting margins, according to Mr Richard Fraser, the chairman of Westbury, the Midlands housebuilder.

In the first six months, Westbury's operating margins were 20.8 per cent. But in the second half they fell to 16.4 per cent. In the coming year, Mr Fraser expects them to fall further, to the 11 to 15 per cent range that Westbury had become accustomed to before the boom of the late 1980s.

Mr Fraser said last year was difficult, with pre-tax profits in the year to February falling by 22.5 per cent to £28.1 million. However, despite the difficulties, Westbury sold 2,266 houses during the year, only 33 less than the year before, with turnover rising by 13 per cent to £174.4 million.

The average price of its private housing was £77,900 for the year, but £74,390 for the second half. Comparing like for like, Mr Fraser believes prices fell by between 10 and 20 per cent last year.

Borrowings rose sharply to £51 million, giving year-end gearing of 48 per cent. That resulted in an interest charge 182 per cent higher at £8 million.

Although earnings per share fell to 36.6p (50.8p), the final dividend is raised to 5.75p (5.5p) to give a total of 9.0p (8.5p).

Brady puts thrifts rescue at $130bn

From John Durie in New York

THE potential catastrophe facing the United States over the failed savings and loan industry has been underlined by Mr Nicholas Brady, the Treasury Secretary, upgrading his estimate of the cost of the government's bail-out by $57 billion to $130 billion.

Mr Brady was giving testimony before the Senate Banking Committee and underlined the uncertainties involved in setting any figure for the bail-out costs.

"There are too many uncertainties to give precise figures, but taking into account all the uncertainties and variables the figure could approximate $90 billion to $130 billion," he said. The variables include interest rates, inflation and the progress the government has in selling the assets of the failed institutions.

The US government must pay the bill for the bail-out because it guarantees the deposits paid to the institutions and must pay the difference between the assets and liabilities of the failed institutions.

Mr Brady's estimate compares with the $73 billion figure placed on the bail-out last year by President Bush.

The $57 billion difference amounts to more than one third of the latest estimate for the 1991 US budget deficit of $138 billion.

The bail-out costs will be kept off-budget as it is considered a non-recurring item which requires working capital until the assets are sold.

Mr Brady said the Resolution Trust Corp, the body responsible for selling the assets, could run out of funds this year unless it had authority to borrow more.

Mr Bill Seidman, RTC chairman, has said that the government faced a tough task in selling the commercial property and junk bonds which accounted for the bulk of the assets in the failed institutions.

The RTC has 423 failed thrifts under its control, with assets of $220 billion, and hopes to sell 141 of these institutions by June 30.

The US General Accounting Office has estimated the bail-out could cost $325 billion over the next 30 years.

European Bank aims to compete

THE planned European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which will channel funds to Eastern Europe, will lend at market rates and compete with banks in the private sector.

Mr Andrew Crockett, bank director for external affairs, told the House of Commons Treasury Committee that it would concentrate on project lending to the private sector rather than balance of payments financing.

"It would make a commercial rate of return on the funds it's able to borrow. It would do that in competition with private-sector institutions," he said.

EBRD loans would not be subsidized, and its need to borrow competitively on the capital market would ensure its lending policy remained sound.

Asked what the need for the London-based EBRD was if it was going to lend at market rates, Mr Crockett said it would build up a fund of expertise greater than in normal merchant banks. *(Reuter)*

HK hit by 6% fall in exports

From Lulu Yu in Hong Kong

HONG Kong's domestic exports fell 6 per cent in April — the sharpest drop this year.

While sales of Hong Kong goods slipped to HK$16.41 billion (£1.25 billion) from April last year, re-exports rose 10 per cent to HK$30.86 billion, giving total exports a 4 per cent boost to HK$47.27 billion.

The slowdown in the export growth followed a slump in world trade and political turmoil in China last year. It is also a direct result of Hong Kong's shift from a manufacturing to a service centre.

Re-exports, which account for more than 60 per cent of Hong Kong's exports, grew by an average of just 10 per cent in the first four months, against an average of 41 per cent in the same period last year.

The first-quarter economic report due out today is expected to show smaller trade and tourism revenues, high inflation and escalating wages.

The risks in fixed-rate mortgages

FIXED rate mortgages are making a comeback, and are beginning to indicate that mortgage rates could soon be on their way down.

Family Money will look at what the risks are and are likely to be better value.

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Also under scrutiny are company pension schemes, and the high cost of paying off a loan from a high street store early.

And the Inland Revenue is allowing more people to have free lunches without any tax consequences. Full reports will be included on Saturday.

Four sponsors plough £2.6m into Expo '92

From Colin Narbrough in Seville

A GROUP of four prestigious British companies has agreed with the Government to provide £2.6 million of sponsorship for the UK pavilion at Expo '92 in Seville.

The deals are the first of some £10-£12 million the Department of Trade and Industry is hoping to secure in sponsorship from private industry to add to the £25 million the Government has earmarked.

Of the four companies pioneering the sponsorship, British Steel, which is supplying the steel work for the high-tech glass and steel pavilion, is putting up £2 million.

Thorn EMI, the electronics group, Royal Doulton, the china maker, and Rolls-Royce, the car manufacturer, are putting up the rest of the £2.6 million.

The Spanish government is budgeting nearly £800 million for the mammoth Expo project, on the outskirts of this southern Spanish city, which will coincide with the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovering America and the establishment of the single European market.

The Spaniards are aiming to recover about 47 per cent of their outlay from sponsorship of the overall exposition. While they have successfully attracted sponsors among the big international names such as Coca-Cola and Ford, no British company has come forward with sponsorship other than for the UK pavilion.

British companies are, however, heavily engaged in the design and planning work for the project. Strategic Sponsorship, appointed by the DTI to run the pavilion sponsorship, reports that the response has been "enthusiastic."

Beyond the six-month Expo, in which 106 countries and 22 international organizations are taking part so far, British sponsors are looking to enhance further the position of their products among the world market leaders.

Lord Trefgarne, the trade minister, welcomed the sponsorship announcement, saying the companies had been quick to appreciate the unique benefits that association with Britain and Expo '92 could provide companies with an eye to the international marketplace.

Seville will be the first universal exposition — not a trade fair — in Europe for more than 30 years.

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MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2850.09 (−6.17)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	32311.75 (+135.24)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3048.01 (+19.70)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	Closed
Sydney: AO	1471.6 (−2.1)
Frankfurt: DAX	Closed
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris: CAC	Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen	Closed
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	1124.61 (−4.43)
FT.— "500"	1234.32 (−3.76)
FT. Gold Mines	209.7 (−1.8)
FT. Fixed interest	87.29 (+0.04)
FT. Govt Secs	78.36 (−0.20)
Bargains	24440
SEAQ Volume	420.3m

*Denotes latest trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Polly Peck	404½p (+13p)
Jardine Matheson	253p (+17p)
Radiant Metal	145p (+12p)
Liberty	455p (+20p)
Fine Art Devs	212½p (+9p)
Thorn EMI	732½p (+21p)
BAT	702½p (+19p)
London & Metro	77p (+13p)
FALLS:	
RMC Group	659½p (−12p)
Sun Alliance	313p (−9p)
Grand Met	605p (−9p)
Amec	407½p (−11p)
Henderson Admin	705p (−15p)
Burmah	615p (−11p)
Grainger	200p (−10p)
Land Securities	485½p (−12p)
BHH Group	60p (−17p)
Closing prices	

STOCK MARKET

Hoylake wound up after it disposes of BAT shares

SIR James Goldsmith's pursuit of BAT Industries has been brought to a close with his Hoylake consortium disposing of its holding of 19 million shares, or 1.25 per cent, worth an estimated £133 million.

A parcel of 9.5 million shares was bought by Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house, at about the 700p level. Salomon then sold them to its clients — on both sides of the Atlantic. A total of 24 million shares changed hands in London.

The proceeds from the sale will be distributed among Hoylake's investors who include Mr Kerry Packer, the Australian financier, and Lord Rothschild, the banker. The rest of the shares will be distributed by Sir James to his fellow consortium members who have elected to take BAT shares. Hoylake will now be wound-up. Hoylake is estimated to have made a loss of 15 per cent on its investment. The BAT price ended 19p higher at 703p as it continued *to recover from Wednesday's* worse-than-expected first-quarter figures.

Argos, the catalogue retailing group floated off from BAT this year, firmed 2p to 209p on the news that the Prudential Corporation had bought 9.1 million shares, or 3.07 per cent.

The rest of the equity market spent an unsettled day with investors continuing to ponder this week's gloomy trade figures for April. Prices suffered a markdown, prompted by the news of a small programme trade as the account started to draw to a close. They clawed back an 18-point fall but drifted off again in late dealings following another cautious start on Wall Street. Dealers said the fluctuations were prompted by further activity in the futures market where the FT-SE 100 series continued to trade at a premium, indicating that the equity market may still have some way to run.

The index finished 10.3 lower at 2,277.1 while the FT index of 30 shares lost 4.8 to 1,805.2 in thin turnover which saw 420 million shares traded. Brokers said that stock shortages among market-makers had done much to restrict falls.

Fading hopes of an early cut in interest rates and Britain's *imminent entry into the European Exchange Rate Mechanism* left government securities nursing losses of up to £½ at the longer end.

Among the leaders, **British *Telecom*** *rose 8p to 286p* following full-year figures showing showing pre-tax profits, before exceptional charges, up from £2.4 billion to £2.7 billion. Analysts have already increased their estimates for the current year to £3.1 billion.

Bass lost a further 17p at *£10.46, still reflecting the decision to free the ties on 2,400 of its public houses.*

Grand Metropolitan cheapened 9p to 605p after Warburg Securities, the broker, downgraded *its profit estimate for* the current year by *£27* million to £913 million. It blamed rising interest charges. The group's level of debt rose dramatically after it acquired *Pillsbury in 1988. Its* programme of disposals was halted by the referral of its "pubs-for-breweries" deal with Elders IXL to the Monopolies Commission.

Reuters climbed *28p* to £11.60 with traders bracing themselves for another wave of buying from the US. One US buyer bought 2.5 million shares. The group has agreed to supply the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Futures Exchange with its Globex computerized dealing system which is expected to double the business hours of the world's second biggest futures market. Reuters met the clients of James Capel this week and outlined its prospects.

Select Appointments, the USM employment agency based in Sussex, climbed 12p to 81p after learning that Adia, the Swiss employment agency which owns Alfred Marks, had acquired a 5 per cent holding. The speculators are hoping that this will eventually lead to a full bid.

Frederick Cooper, the mini-conglomerate, jumped 10p to 88p following presentations in Edinburgh — and also with provincial brokers — this week. The price has been under a cloud following the *recent disappointing interim* figures. But the group says there are signs that business is picking up.

Gaelic Resources, the Irish oil exploration group quoted on the Third Market, slipped ¼p to 11¾p. A drilling report on the group's Turkish venture, in which it has a 50 per cent stake, is expected soon.

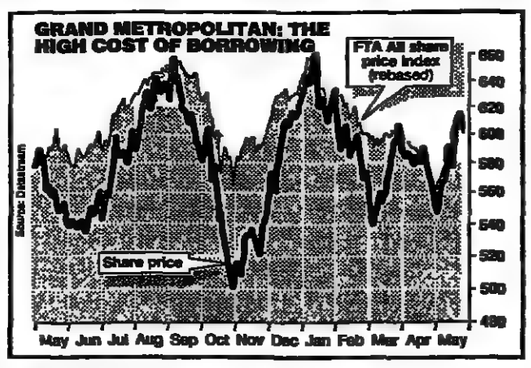
Interim figures from MEPC, showing pre-tax profits climbing from £64.4 million to £77.4 million, received a luke-warm reception from the City with the price sliding *20p to 489p. It also did little to* restore the confidence of an already weak property sector.

Falls were seen again in **Great Portland**, 4p to 259p, **Grainger Trust**, 10p to 200p, **Greycoat**, 5p to 401p, **Hammerson**, 5p to 731p, **Land Securities**, 2p to 496p, **Rosehaugh**, 3p to 202p, **Slough Estates**, 4p to 287p, and **Speyhawk**, 15p to 170p. One of the few exceptions was **BDA Holdings**, up 6p at 25p.

Michael Clark

Cargo Control, the transport equipment group, rose 10p to 77p with market-makers becoming short of stock. The group is being licked into shape by Mr Stephen Parris, a former stockbroker, and, trading on a p/e of 8, has started to attract the institutions.

Shares in Benjamin Priest, the West Midlands engineer, continued to edge towards their year's high with a rise of 3p to 102p amid talk of a bid. The speculators believe that Mr Peter Earl's Tranwood is about to offer 140p a share, valuing Benjamin Priest at £56 million.



ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,973	CU	709	Lloyds	1,957	Sears	2,958
Abbey Nat	1,932	Cookson	1,865	Lloyds Abb	372	Sedgwick	669
Alld-Lyons	874	Courtaulds	1,358	Lonrho	1,874	Shell	3,481
Amstrad	701	Dalgety	1,785	Lucas	1,036	Siebe	40
ASDA	2,655	Dixons	5,330	Manpower	79	Slough	863
AB Foods	206	ECC	555	M&S	3,103	Smith & N	1,640
Argyll	1,458	Enterprise	727	Maxwell Cm	1,680	SK Beech	4,002
BAA	270	Ferranti	2,455	MB Group	584	Do Uts	125
BET	847	Fisons	1,209	Mecca	5,180	Smith WH	112
BTR	2,217	FKI	4,517	MEPC	467	Smiths Ind	380
BAT	24,692	Gen Acc	365	Midland	2,125	STC	1,227
Barclays	1,450	GEC	2,930	Nat West	3,043	Stan Chart	499
Bass	1,226	Glaxo	2,182	Next	832	Storehse	24
Beazer	985	Globe Inv	745	Nth Food	865	Sun Allnce	3,519
Berisfd Intl	547	Glynwed	408	P&O	386	Sun Life	28
BICC	218	Granada	9	Pearson	252	T & N	283
Blue Circle	2,156	Grand Met	3,376	Pilkington	1,764	TI Group	220
BOC	415	GUS 'A'	220	Polly Peck	2,723	Tarmac	2,916
Boots	1,615	GRE	972	Prudential	5,218	Tate & Lyle	860
BPB	308	GKN	1,178	Racal	3,865	Taylor Wd	1,012
Br Aero	635	Guinness	1,543	Racal Tele	163	TSB	1,820
Br Airways	2,276	Hamm 'A'	3	Rk Hovis	2,577	Tesco	2,279
Br Comm	n/a	Hanson	4,365	Rank	662	Thames Wtr	587
Br Gas	6,256	Do Wts	989	RMC	68	Thorn EMI	1,865
Br Land	59	H & C	553	Redland	580	Trafalgar	421
Br Petrol	7,265	Hawker	946	Reed	791	THF	1,918
Br Steel	3,736	Hillsdown	1,287	Reuters	1,268	Ultramar	2,465
Br Telecom	13,795	IMI	41	RMC Gp	409	Unigate	625
Bunzl	1,787	ICI	808	RTZ	845	Unilever	1,254
Burmah	460	Inchcape	444	R-Royce	4,083	United Bis	1,863
Burton	2,159	Kingfisher	737	Romnn 'B'	19	Utd News	135
C&W	1,466	Lasmo	477	Royal Bank	535	Wellcome	341
Cadbury	738	Ladbroke	3,296	Royal Ins	1,262	Whitbrd	1,662
Calor	41	Land Sec	1,090	Saatchi	741	Williams	1,064
Carlton	389	Laporte	498	Sainsbury	655	Willis Fab	610
Coats	491	L&G	1,416	Scot & N	1,187	Wimpey G	900

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 21	June 1	August 16	August 28

Call options were taken out on: 24/5/90 Audit & General, Coloroll, Control Securities, Highland Dist, Rock, Time Products, Unigate.
Puts: Bumi Mining, Monarch Resources, Astra Holdings.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon (*470)	420	53	67	80	4	8	11
	460	22	40	53	17	21	25
	500	6½	22	33	47	49	59
ASDA (*103)	90	17	19	23	1½	4½	6
	100	10	13	17	4	6½	10
	110	5½	8	12	10	13	14
Bass (*1046)	950	112	150	170	4	10	18
	1000	72	110	130	10	20	32
	1050	36	78	107	30	45	50
Boots (*278)	240	42	44	51	1½	3	4
	260	22	29	36	5	8	11
	280	8	17	24	15	17	19
Brit Air (*208)	180	29	32	38	1½	3½	4½
	200	10	18	22	7	10	12
	220	3	8½	13	22	23	24
Brit Com (*n/a)	50	1	1	–	50	50	–
	60	1	1	–	60	54	–
	70	1	1	–	70	70	–
BP (*316)	300	27	38	43	3	6	8
	330	8½	17	26	14	17	20
	360	2½	7½	–	42	42	–
Brit Steel (*146)	130	18	18	21	1½	2½	3½
	140	9	11½	14	4	6	7
	160	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	22	22
C & W (*530)	480	62	97	112	3	6½	10
	500	45	65	82	10	17	22
	550	15	37	54	33	35	40
Com Union (*467)	420	62	70	[illegible]	2	7	9
	460	30	42	[illegible]	10	18	20
	500	11	22	39	34	40	40
Courtauld (*330)	297	33	43	–	4	7	–
	327	11	24	–	17	20	–
	357	2½	–	–	42	–	–
GKN (*374)	360	28	35	48	6	13	15
	390	10	21	32	20	25	28
	420	4	10	20	46	46	46
Grand Met (*605)	500	122	132	–	1	3	–
	550	72	90	110	4	9	13
	600	35	50	73	14	25	28
ICI (*1178)	1100	110	130	172	7	19	27
	1150	72	97	135	19	37	45
	1200	40	68	105	42	64	70
Kingfisher (*309)	280	30	38	48	6	9	14
	300	12	25	36	11	15	20
	330	3½	11	20	34	35	40
Ladbroke (*307)	280	30	43	49	3	6½	9
	300	16	30	39	10	14	17
	330	6	14	24	30	32	35
Land Sec (*487)	460	35	50	60	8	15	18
	500	10	28	38	30	35	38
	550	1½	10	22	75	75	75
M & S (*218)	180	40	45	51	1	2	3
	200	20	27	34	2½	4½	6½
	220	6½	15	20	11	14	16
STC (*256)	220	47	51	–	1½	5½	–
	240	29	37	48	6	11	14
	260	15	24	35	13	18	21
Sainsbury (*263)	240	48	51	57	1	2	3½
	260	24	38	41	3½	5½	7
	280	10	19	27	12	14	18
Shell (*456)	420	53	67	82	3	6	9
	460	23	37	52	13	18	22
	500	7	16	30	42	43	47
Smith Beech (*525)	460	65	95	110	2	5	8
	500	45	65	82	6	13	18
	550	18	35	52	27	33	37
Storehouse (*108)	100	11	14	19	4	6½	7
	110	5	9	13	8	9½	12
	120	2½	6	9	16	18	17
Trafalgar (*310)	280	43	55	60	2½	6	10
	300	24	40	45	6	12	17
	330	9	23	35	23	27	32
Ultramar (*329)	300	46	58	70	2½	6	9
	330	25	38	50	10	15	17
	360	10	23	33	25	30	33
Unilever (*883)	800	78½	100½	117	2½	5½	8½
	850	35½	61½	80½	11	16½	20½
	900	10½	33½	51½	38½	43	46
	950	2½	–	–	89	–	–
Utd Bisc (*342)	300	52	60	69	1½	4	5
	330	25	35	46	6	11	13
	360	10	19	28	21	25	28
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*405)	360	53	65	–	4	5	–
	390	30	42	50	9	14	17
	420	13	26	35	25	30	32
BAT Ind (*703)	650	65	–	–	9	–	–
	700	35	55	–	24	33	–
	750	13	32	–	65	70	–
	800	7	17	–	115	120	–
BTR (*416)	360	75	79	–	2	4½	–
	390	49	55	70	6	10	13
	420	25	38	47	16	20	25
Brit Aero (*523)	460	85	95	–	4½	9	–
	500	54	65	82	13	18	23
	550	22	35	58	35	40	42
Brit Tele (*286)	240	54	57	–	1½	2½	–
	260	35	40	46	4½	6½	8½
	280	17	26	32	11	13	16
Cadbury (*325)	300	43	52	63	4	7	9
	330	23	31	42	14	16	18
	360	10	17	28	34	36	37
Guinness (*709)	600	132	150	–	2	4½	–
	650	87	107	133	6	16	13
	700	50	72	98	20	22	26
GEC (*205)	180	34	35	40	2	4	5½
	200	16	19	25	7	9	12
	220	5	11	15	19	21	23
Hanson (*228)	200	33	40	–	1½	2½	–
	220	16½	25	27½	5	6½	9½
	240	5½	13	17	16	17	20
LASMO (*385)	330	67	–	–	4	–	–
	357	42	55	–	10	13	–
	400	20	35	–	24	27	–

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
P & O (*612)	550	82½	93½	–	3½	8	–
	600	41½	55½	74½	13½	22½	24½
	650	16½	28½	47	42	48½	50
Pilkington (*193)	180	18	25	32	5	8	10
	200	7	15	20	16	21	21
	220	3	7	11	34	37	37
Polly Peck (*405)	355	65½	81½	–	3	5½	–
	382	42½	59½	–	7½	11	–
	418	20½	37½	–	22½	26	–
Prudential (*218)	180	45	48	–	1½	3	–
	200	27	32	41	3	7	7
	220	13	19	28	10	13	14
Racal (*216)	200	28	34	41	6	8½	10
	220	13	22	29	14	17	18
	240	6	13	20	26	27	28
RTZ (*548)	500	70	86	102	4	8	12
	550	30	50	70	17	28	32
	600	11	27	42	52	52	57
Scot & New (*318)	300	33	40	48	10	13	16
	330	16	23	30	26	30	32
	360	6	12	20	60	62	54
Tesco (*218)	180	43½	45½	–	1	1½	–
	200	25½	30	39½	3½	5½	6½
	220	12½	17½	26½	9½	13	13½
Thames Wtr (*143)	120	27	28	–	1½	2½	–
	130	18	19	24	5	8	7½
	140	10½	12	18	9	10½	12
	160	3½	5½	9	25	25	28
Wr Package (*1523)	1400	170	180	–	50	70	–
	1450	130	150	–	80	90	–
	1500	90	120	150	110	130	150
	1550	60	90	120	150	150	180
	Series	Jul	Sep		Jul	Sep	
Ferranti (*37)	35	5	6	7½	2½	4	5
	40	2½	3½	4	5	6	7
	45	1½	–	–	9½	–	–
	Series	Jun	Aug	Oct	Jun	Aug	Oct
Reuters (*1160)	1100	79½	111½	143½	8½	23	31
	1150	43½	79½	110½	24½	41½	49
	1200	20½	54½	–	54	68	–
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat (*180)	160	38	44	46	1	1	1½
	180	20	28	29	2	4	5
	200	5	12	17	9	13	14
Amstrad (*68)	60	8½	13½	16½	1	3	4½
	70	3½	8½	11	4½	7½	9
	80	½	4½	7½	13	14	14½
Barclays (*538)	460	92	–	–	1	–	–
	500	53	65	70	1	11	14
	550	14	31	50	14	30	30
	600	2	14	27	60	60	62
Blue Circ (*243)	200	45	55	58	1	2½	4½
	220	28	36	[illegible]	2½	6	8
	240	10	20	27	7	12	16
	260	4	13	–	22	24	–
Brit Gas (*213)	180	37	39	42	1	1½	2½
	200	17	20	28	1	5½	7
	220	4½	8½	15	8	16	17
	240	1½	3	–	27	32	–
Dixons (*125)	110	18	22	28	1	2½	5
	120	9	15	20	3	5½	9
	130	3½	9	14	6	12	14
Glaxo (*805)	750	69	100	112	4	12	22
	775	47	–	–	9	–	–
	800	28	66	80	17	28	40
	850	10	40	55	47	53	65
Hawker (*688)	600	87	115	125	1	12	17
	650	42	70	85	6	22	30
	700	14	45	–	32	44	–
Hillsdown (*249)	220	33	42	48	1	4	6
	240	16	28	35	4	9	11
	260	5½	16	24	14	17	19
Lonrho (*245)	218	33	37	45	2	4	7
	236	17	24	33	4	10	14
	255	8	13	22	14	20	23
Midland (*274)	280	20	27	37	9	16	21
	300	9	18	25	21	26	32
	330	2	10	18	47	50	56
R-Royce (*214)	160	56	61	63	½	1	2
	180	36	42	46	½	1½	3½
	200	17	28	31	2½	4½	7
Sears (*96)	80	17	18½	20	1	3	4
	90	7	11	13	4	5½	7
	100	2	5	6½	9½	12	13
THF (*276)	240	39	46	56	½	3	4
	260	30	33	40	2½	6	9
	280	7½	19	28	9	13	17
Thorn EMI (*733)	600	142	147	160	1	4	7
	650	92	97	118	3	9	15
	700	44	58	80	9	24	30
TSB (*134)	120	19	21	24	1	2	3
	130	10	13	17	2	5	7
	140	3	8	12	7	10	13
Vaal Reefs (*78)	70	13	15	18	2	5	8
	80	5	8	13	8	10	12
Wellcome (*658)	600	72	–	–	3	–	–
	650	33	67	92	15	30	38
	700	11	40	65	47	57	65

FT-SE INDEX (*2277)

	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450
Calls						
May	87	42	13	4	2	1
Jun	122	84	54	35	20	11
Jul	155	115	90	59	45	28
Aug	185	138	110	77	–	–
Dec	236	–	180	–	117	–
Puts						
May	5	12	38	79	130	169
Jun	22	37	57	90	134	175
Jul	31	52	71	103	131	168
Aug	45	58	78	105	–	–
Dec	63	–	95	–	155	–

May 24, 1990 Total: 21527 Calls: 15120 Puts: 10407 FT-SE: Calls [illegible] Puts 1447
*Underlying security price.

WORLD MARKETS

Dealings halted in big Japanese shipbuilders

Tokyo
THE Nikkei index advanced by 135.24 points, or 0.42 per cent, to 32,311.75 after firming by 238.21 on Wednesday. Shares jumped before the close as the release of good corporate results lured investors from the sidelines.

As the close drew near, buyers entered the market for shares related to domestic demand, focusing particularly on shipbuilding issues.

Mr Masahiko Tsuyuzaki, the chief trader at Tachibana Securities, said: "It's nice to have a little bullishness before the weekend. Friday's looking better." But he said that yesterday's sudden optimism *had a flaw* — plenty of buyers, but nothing to buy.

Within 30 minutes of the opening, the Nikkei index trundled to the day's high of 32,328 on a stronger yen, Wall Street's *continued* record performances and sharply lower oil prices. But the doldrums set in soon after, pushing the index into negative territory by the noon recess.

Mid-afternoon found the Nikkei at the bottom end of its day's range of almost 300 points before it bounced back in the last quarter of the day. Volume was moderate, with 600 million shares changing hands against 650 million on Wednesday.

The swing upwards *in the* eleventh hour focused on Japan's big shipbuilding issues, several of which were suspended from trading because of overwhelming buy orders.

These included Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) and Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries (IHI). A trader at one of the big four brokers said: "When something as big as MHI or IHI gets suspended, you know we're seeing real volume."

Behind the shares' sudden *popularity* was market talk of mergers and big new orders.

● **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries index ended 2.3 off at 1,471.6. Shares closed marginally weaker.

● ***Hong Kong*** — The Hang Seng index rose 19.7 to 3,048.01 and the broader-based Hong Kong index 10.43 to 1,996.94.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times* industrial index fell 4.67 to 1,568.28

● **Frankfurt** — The market was closed for Ascension Day.
(Reuter)

Light profit-taking

New York
THE Dow Jones industrial average was down by 2 points at 2,854.26 in early dealings.

Prices softened after a steady opening with mild profit-taking weighing on shares. Profit-taking accounted for most of the light selling. However, traders had also begun to even their holdings.
(Reuter)

WALL STREET

	May 24 midday	May 23 close		May 24 midday	May 23 close		May 24 midday	May 23 close
Abbott Lab	74½	73	Enron	55⅝	56⅝	Oryx Engy	45⅝	46⅝
Aetna Life	52⅝	52⅝	Entergy	19⅝	19⅝	Pac Ent	43⅝	43⅝
Ahmanson	20⅛	20⅛	Ethyl	25⅝	25⅝	Pac Gas Elec	22⅝	23
Air Prods	54⅞	55⅛	Exxon	47⅝	47⅛	Pac Telesis	46⅝	46⅝
Albertsons	62⅝	63⅞	Fed NMA	40⅝	40⅝	Paccar	39⅝	39⅝
Alcan Al	21⅛	21½	Fedrl Exprs	46½	46⅝	Pacificorp	21⅝	21⅝
Alco Stand	35⅜	35⅜	Flt Norstar	22⅝	22⅛	Pall	34	35⅝
Allied Signal	35⅛	35⅛	Fluor	46⅝	46⅝	Paramount	47⅝	46⅝
Alumn CA	65⅞	66½	Ford Motor	47	47⅛	Parker-Hanfn	30⅝	30⅝
Am Brands	67⅝	68	FPL	31⅛	32⅛	Penney	66	66
Am Cyanmd	57¼	57⅞	Fst Chicago	32	31⅛	Pennzoil	74⅝	75⅝
Am EPC	29	29⅝	Fst Intrstte	37⅝	37⅞	Pepsico	72⅝	71⅝
Am General	48⅜	48⅝	Fst Union	19⅝	20	Pfizer	62⅝	63⅝
Am Home	52	52⅛	Gannett	[illegible]	39⅝	Phlps Pet	26⅝	26⅝
Am Intl	101½	99⅝	Gen Cinema	22⅝	22⅛	Philips Elec	16⅝	16⅝
Am Medical	n/a	n/a	Gen Elec	69⅛	68⅛	Philip Morris	45⅝	45⅝
Am Stores	69⅝	69⅛	Gen Mills	75⅝	75⅝	Phelps Dodge	61	61⅝
Amax	25⅛	25⅛	Gen Motors	48⅝	[illegible]	Pitney Bow	50	50⅝
Amer Hess	47½	48	Gen RE	87⅝	86⅝	Plcr Dome	16⅝	16⅝
Ameritech	63⅝	63⅞	Gen Signal	58⅝	58⅛	PNC Fncl	37⅝	38⅝
Amex	30⅛	29⅞	Genentech	26⅝	26⅝	Pnhdle Estn	25⅝	25⅝
Amoco	52⅝	53⅛	Genuine Pts	40⅝	40½	Polaroid	42⅝	42⅝
AMP	54	53⅞	Georgia-Pac	45⅝	46⅝	PPG Inds	46⅝	46⅝
AMR	63⅝	64⅝	Gillette	55½	55⅝	Prctr Gmble	79⅛	79⅝
Anheuser-B	42	41⅝	Goodrich	43⅛	44	Price	37	37⅝
Apple Comp	41⅛	42⅛	Goodyear	34⅛	34⅝	Primerica	32⅝	32⅝
Archer-Dan	25⅝	25⅝	Grace	27⅛	27⅝	Pub Service	25⅝	25⅝
Arkla	22⅝	22⅝	Greyhound	28⅝	28⅞	Quaker Oats	49⅝	49⅝
Armstrong	37	37	Gt Atlantic	56⅝	56⅝	Ralston Pur	89⅝	89⅝
Asarco	27	27⅛	Gt Nor Nek	65⅝	66½	Raychem	33⅝	33⅝
Ashland Oil	39⅛	39⅜	Gt Western	18⅛	18⅛	Raytheon	65⅝	66⅝
AT&T	43	43⅜	GTE	66⅛	65⅝	Reebok	18⅛	18⅝
Atlan Richfld	119⅝	119⅝	Halliburtn	46⅛	46⅝	Roadway	36⅝	36⅝
Auto DP	57⅞	57⅞	Heinz	34	33⅝	Rockwell	26⅝	26⅝
Avery Intl	28⅛	28⅜	Hercules	37⅛	37⅞	Rohm Haas	34⅝	34⅝
Avon Prod	35⅝	35⅛	Hershey Fd	34⅝	34⅝	Royal Dutch	76⅝	76⅝
Baltimore	29	29	Hewlett Pkd	47⅝	47⅛	Rubbermaid	38⅝	38⅝
Banc One	30	30	Hilton Htl	50⅝	48⅝	Rynlds Mtl	56⅝	56⅝
Bankamerica	30⅝	30⅝	Home Depot	56⅝	56⅝	Safeco	37⅝	37⅝
Bard	16½	17⅛	Homestake	18⅝	18⅝	Salomon	24⅛	24⅝
Barnett Bk	34⅞	34⅝	Honeywell	99⅛	99⅝	Sant Fe Pac	21⅝	21⅝
Bausch Lmb	62	62⅝	Houston Ind	32⅝	32⅝	Sara Lee	30	29⅝
Baxter Intl	23	23⅜	Hsehld Intl	47⅝	46⅝	Scecorp	36⅝	36⅝
Bec Dickn	65	64⅞	Humana	46⅝	46⅝	Schlumbgr	56⅝	57⅝
Bell Atlan	52⅛	52⅝	IBM	118⅝	118⅝	Schrg-Plgh	90⅝	90⅝
Bellsouth	56⅝	56⅝	IF&F	66⅝	66⅝	Scott Papr	42⅝	43
Bkr Hughes	28⅝	28⅝	Illinois TW	56⅛	55⅝	Seagram	89	89⅝
Black Decker	14½	14⅝	Inco	25⅞	25⅝	Sears Rbk	37⅛	37⅝
Block	37⅞	38	Ingsol-Rand	59⅛	59⅝	Securty Pac	39⅝	39⅝
Bnkrs Tst NY	43⅞	43⅝	Inland Steel	33⅛	33⅝	Shrwn-Wlms	38⅝	38⅝
Boeing	82⅝	81	Intel	48⅝	48	Snap-on Tls	35⅝	35⅝
Boise Casc	36⅞	36⅝	Intl Paper	51⅛	51⅛	Southern	24⅝	24⅝
Borden	34⅛	34	ITT	56⅝	56⅝	Sovran	30⅝	31⅝
Brist-Myer	61⅛	61⅝	James River	25½	24⅝	St Paul	59⅞	59⅝
Browng-Fer	41⅛	41½	Johnsn Jhsn	62⅝	62⅝	Stanley Wk	34⅛	34⅝
Burl Nth	37⅝	37⅞	K Mart	34⅛	34⅝	Stone Cntr	19⅝	19⅝
CAI	15⅝	15⅞	Kellogg	65⅝	65⅝	Sun Co	39	38⅝
Campbell Sp	52⅝	52⅛	Kerr-McGee	45⅝	45⅝	Suntst Bk	23⅝	23⅝
Cap Cities	603	603⅝	Kimbly-Clrk	69⅝	69⅝	Super Valu	26⅝	26
Capital HC	45⅝	46⅝	Kngt-Riddr	49⅝	49⅛	SW Bell	[illegible]	57⅝
Carolina	44⅛	44⅛	Lilly	77⅛	77⅝	Syntex	57⅝	[illegible]
Caterpiller	57⅞	57⅝	Limited	48⅛	47⅞	Sysco	34⅝	34⅝
CBS	198⅜	199	Lin Brdcstg	71	69⅝	Tandem	28⅝	28⅝
Central SW	40⅞	40⅝	Lincln Nat	54⅝	54⅛	Tandy	34⅝	33⅝
Champion	30⅛	30⅞	Litton Ind	76⅛	76⅛	Tele-comm	15⅝	15⅝
Chase Man	25⅛	25⅝	Lockheed	35⅝	35⅛	Teledyne	25⅝	25⅝
Chem Bnkg	26⅝	27	Louis-Pac	44⅝	44⅝	Temple-In	35⅝	35⅝
Chevron	68⅛	69⅝	Manu Hano	35⅛	35⅝	Tenneco	66⅝	66
Chrysler	16	16⅞	Marriott	24⅛	24⅛	Texaco	58⅝	59⅝
Chubb	86⅛	86⅝	Marsh Mclen	76⅛	75	Texas Inst	43⅝	43⅝
Cigna	52	51⅞	Martin Mar	42⅞	43	Texas Util	36⅝	36⅝
Citicorp	23⅛	22⅝	Masco	24⅝	24⅞	Textron	24	24
Clbrne Lz	28⅝	29⅛	May Dept	55½	57	Time Wrnr	105⅝	104⅝
Clorox	41⅛	41⅞	Maytag	16⅛	16⅝	Times Mirr	32⅝	32⅝
Cmwlth Edis	32⅝	32⅝	MCA	59⅝	59⅝	Timken	35⅝	35⅝
CNA Fincl	74⅞	74⅛	McDnl Doug	45	45	Torchmark	45⅝	46
Coastal	33⅞	33⅞	McDonalds	35⅝	34⅛	Toys R Us	45⅝	45⅝
Coca-Cola	45⅝	44⅞	McGraw-Hill	56⅞	56⅞	Transam	38⅝	38⅝
Colgate-Pal	63⅞	63⅝	MCI Com	43⅞	43	Travelers	29⅝	29⅝
Columb Gas	45	45	Mead	33⅛	33⅝	Tribune	44	43⅝
Compaq	123⅝	122⅞	Medtronic	74⅛	75⅛	TRW	50⅝	49⅝
Conagra	31⅛	31⅝	Melville	51⅝	51⅝	Tyco Lab	48⅝	48⅝
Cons Edis	24	24⅝	Merck	81⅛	82	UAL	152⅝	153⅝
Cons NG	46⅜	48⅛	Merll Lynch	24⅞	24½	Un Camp	37⅝	37⅝
Cons Rail	44⅛	44⅛	MM&M	82⅝	82⅝	Un Carbide	20⅝	19⅝
Cooper Ind	44	44⅛	Mobil	61⅞	62⅝	Un Pacific	70⅝	70⅝
Corning	50⅞	51⅛	Monsanto	103⅞	103⅝	Unilever	80⅝	80⅝
CPC Intl	74⅞	74⅛	Moore	27⅞	27⅞	Unisys	14⅝	14⅝
Crown Cork	50⅞	59⅝	Morgan	37½	38⅛	Unocal	29⅝	30⅝
CSX	32⅞	32⅞	Motorola	81⅛	80⅛	Upjohn	39⅝	39
Dana	35⅝	35⅝	Nat Medical	36⅝	36⅛	US West	n/a	36⅝
Dayton-Hud	74⅝	74⅝	Nat Service	26½	26⅝	Usair Gp	28	27⅝
Deere	71⅞	73	Navistar	3½	3⅝	USF&G	26⅝	26⅝
Delta Air	76⅝	76⅝	NCNB	38⅞	38⅝	UST	29⅝	30
Deluxe	32⅛	32⅝	NCR	69⅞	69⅞	USX	34	33⅝
Detroit Edi	27	27⅛	NED Bncp	32⅝	32⅝	Utd Tech	58	58⅝
Digital Eq	93⅞	93⅛	Newmnt Min	46⅝	46⅝	Utd Telcm	44⅝	45
Dillard	72⅝	72⅝	Niagr Mhwk	14	14⅝	VF	30	30
Disney	116⅛	118⅛	Nike	81⅝	78⅞	Wal-Mart	58⅝	58⅝
Dominion	44⅞	45⅝	NL Indstrs	18⅝	18⅛	Walgreen	44⅝	44⅝
Donnelley	44⅝	44⅛	Nordstrom	31	31⅝	Waste Mgmt	39⅝	39⅝
Dover	40⅝	40⅞	Norflk Sthn	41⅝	41⅝	Wells Fargo	75	76⅝
Dow Chem	63⅝	64⅞	Norton	88⅞	88⅝	Westg Elec	34⅝	34⅝
Dow Jones	27⅞	27⅛	Norwest	21⅛	21⅝	Weyerhsr	26⅝	26⅝
Dresser Ind	51⅝	51⅞	Nthn St Pwr	35⅝	35	Whirlpool	28⅝	28⅝
Du Pont	40⅝	40⅝	Nthn Telcm	26⅞	26	Whitman	27⅝	27⅝
Duke Pwr	55⅝	55⅝	NY Times	24	23⅝	Winn-Dixie	65⅝	65⅝
Dun Bradst	47⅝	47⅛	Nynex	86⅝	86⅞	Woolworth	65	64⅝
East Kodak	41⅝	40⅞	Occid Petrl	27⅛	27⅞	Wrigley	57⅝	57⅝
Eaton	61⅛	61⅝	Ohio Edi	20⅝	20½	Wrnr-Lamb	80⅝	80
Emerson El	41⅝	41⅞	Oracle Sys	19½	19⅞	Xerox	49⅝	49

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares mixed

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 14. Dealings end today. §Contango day May 29. Settlement day June 4.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 26).

Portfolio PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the daily prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. Always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Johnston Press	Paper,Print,Adv	
2	Greene King	Breweries	
3	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
4	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
5	Priest Marians	Property	
6	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
7	UK Land	Property	
8	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
9	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
10	Johnstone Press	Newspapers,Pub	
11	Tyne Tees TV	Leisure	
12	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
13	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
14	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
15	Hillsdown (aa)	Foods	
16	NFC	Transport	
17	Parkfield	Industrials L-R	
18	Appletree Hldgs	Foods	
19	Worcester	Industrials S-Z	
20	PFG Hodgson	Industrials L-R	
21	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
22	Wardle Storeys Plc	Chemicals,Plas	
23	Gt Western Res	Oil,Gas	
24	Burton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
25	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
26	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
27	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
28	Br Syphon	Industrials A-D	
29	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
30	Garton Eng	Industrials E-K	
31	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
32	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
33	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
34	Colroy	Building,Roads	
35	Harrstone	Drapery,Stores	
36	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
37	Wessex Water	Water	
38	Capital Radio	Leisure	
39	Ash & Lacy	Industrials A-D	
40	Union Disc	Banks,Discount	
41	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
42	Tiphook	Transport	
43	Verson	Industrials S-Z	
44	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in tomorrow's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for yesterday's Portfolio Platinum competition. The £2,000 will be added to today's prize.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990 High Low Stock Price Ch'ge Int. only yield Gross Red. yield

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]								
325	282	Gerrard Nat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	24.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
274	135	Guinness Mahon	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	2.1	[illegible]
[illegible]	223	Hambros	[illegible]	287	-1	13.7	5.2	10.5
[illegible]	43	HK Shanghai	43	45	[illegible]			
478	458	Joseph (Leopold)	445	470	..	21.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
145	123½	King & Shaxson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
422	340	Kleinwort Benson	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1	21.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
307	244	Lloyds (aa)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1	17.7	[illegible]	
[illegible]	44	Lon Scot Bk	47	50	..	3.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
401	272	Midland (aa)	273	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	279	Nat Aust Bk	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
[illegible]	304	Nat West (aa)	[illegible]	332	-3	22.3	6.7	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Provident	[illegible]	402	+1	27.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
51	39	Rea Bros	42	47●	+2	0.7	1.5	[illegible]
200	158	Rothschild (J) Hld	165	170	..	14.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
224	149	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	172	176●	-1	10.1	5.8	9.1
902	713	Schroders	750	775	..	18.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
615	459	Stand Chart (aa)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	46.7	10.2	..
147	127	TSB (aa)	[illegible]	135	[illegible]	7.7	5.7	20.2
611	532	Union Disc	575	[illegible]	[illegible]	44.8	7.8	31.2
525	388	Warburg SG	[illegible]	432	..	17.7	4.1	13.5
179	133	Do 6% 'A'	140	142	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wells Fargo	[illegible]		[illegible]	..	..	..
279	210	Westpac	217	221	..	..	..	..
420	378	Wintrust	378	385	..	10.6	2.8	11.6

BREWERIES

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
519	408	Allied-Lyons (aa)	468	471	+3	22.8	4.8	9.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bass (aa)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.5
170	130	Boddington	147	152	+1	[illegible]	4.5	12.3
[illegible]	161	Brewer (H P)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1	9.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
227	133	Burtonwood Brew	190	[illegible]	..	4.7	2.4	22.1
400	280	Clark (Matthew)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3	17.7	[illegible]	7.4
[illegible]	132	Devenish (JA)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1	6.2	3.2	13.8
115	78	Eldrg Pll	82	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	533	Grand Met (aa)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3	[illegible]	4.1	12.8
340	285	Greenall Whit	322	327	-3	12.5	3.8	[illegible]
420	314	Greene King	370	380	+3	12.9	3.3	15.0
722	632	Guinness (aa)	707	710	+1	28.4	2.9	13.8
[illegible]	800	Hardys & Hansons	[illegible]	910	-5	37.5	4.2	13.0
252	202	Highland Dist	[illegible]	211●	..	5.5	2.8	20.1
480	350	Mansfield	375	385	..	14.2	3.7	12.3
222	160	Marston Thompson	[illegible]	185	..	4.7	2.8	16.7
800	335	Morland	350	355	-1	13.7	4.8	10.6
730	470	[illegible]	585	605	..	..	..	..
361	278	Scot & New (aa)	317	320	+1	16.2	5.1	13.0
308	200	Vaux Group	235	242	..	11.0	4.8	12.8
427	380	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	415	418	-1	19.7	4.7	9.7
12¼	11¼	Do 'B'	12	13	..	19.7	1.8	29.2
490	320	Whitbrd Inv & D	365	385	..	10.9	3.0	12.2
495	480	Young 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]	+5	14.7	3.1	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
130	70	Abbey	95	105	..	..	..	..
504	385	Amec	403	410●	-11	25.3	6.2	5.7
132	65	Anglia Sec	[illegible]	71	..	..	..	..
135	138	Arncliffe	138	147	-1	9.0	6.4	3.5
[illegible]	485	Atwoods	[illegible]	485	-5	11.7	2.5	21.7
259	205	BPB Ind (aa)	[illegible]	230	-3	14.7	6.4	7.8
[illegible]								

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

[illegible]

DRAPERY, STORES

[illegible]

ELECTRICALS

[illegible]

FINANCE, LAND

[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

[illegible]

FOODS

[illegible]

HOTELS, CATERERS

[illegible]

INDUSTRIALS A-D

[illegible]

E - K

[illegible]

L - R

[illegible]

S - Z

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE

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MINING

[illegible]

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

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NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

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OILS, GAS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
75	48	Aran Energy	53	55	+1	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..
48	34	Aus Oil & Gas	34	37	-1	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	37¼	..	..	..	..
700	570	Br Borneo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	32.0	4.8	19.4
[illegible]	185	British Gas (aa)	212	214	+1	12.6	5.9	10.9
[illegible]	302½	Br Petroleum (aa)	315	317●	-7	20.3	6.4	9.4
697	558	Burmah (aa)	613	617●	-11	28.7	4.7	11.7
307	282	Cairn Energy	285	295	..	..	..	39.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	285	298●	-5	16.0	8.0	21.1
[illegible]	11	[illegible]	11	13	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	120	[illegible]	120	133	..	8.0	6.1	17.4
[illegible]	148	[illegible]	164	[illegible]	-1	1.5	0.9	..
[illegible]	552	Enterprise (aa)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5	17.3	[illegible]	27.2
[illegible]	205	Exp Comp Louisiana	205	212	-3	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	91	94	-1	1.3	1.4	51.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gt Western Res	222	232	+4	5.5	2.4	..
22¼	17½	Hamilton	19	..	..	..	..	..
210	183	Hardy O & G	185	190	-2	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17	19	..	..	..	8.6
35	12	Kelt Energy	11	13	-4	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	LASMO (aa)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5	10.9	2.8	28.4
170	130	Do Units	145	160	..	34.4	22.5	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Monument	35	35¼	[illegible]	..	..	30.1
[illegible]	17½	New London	22	24	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	19	Nth Sea Assets	21	23	..	..	..	66.7
[illegible]	27	Oil Search	28	29	..	..	..	..
70	44	Petrocon	43	50	-1	1.7	3.6	10.5
14	6	Pettor	5	7	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Premier	92	94	+2	..	..	65.8
575	413	Presidio	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
413	334	Ranger	369		-5	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal Dutch F5	45¼		-¾	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Shell (aa)	455	458	-7	26.5	5.4	14.2
[illegible]	160	Sovereign	175	178	..	..	..	..
7	5	Target Res P/P	5	8	..	..	..	..
235	161	Triton Europe	163	169	-1	..	..	..
325	317	Ultramar (aa)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3	12.0	3.5	13.7
[illegible]	120	Woodside	128	134	..	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

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PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

[illegible]

PROPERTY

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TRANSPORT

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]								
[illegible]	312	Ocean Group	347	355●	..	17.9	5.1	12.5
56	40	Ocean Wilson	44	49	-1	3.7	7.9	2.5
685	561	P & O Dfd (aa)	610	614●	-7	39.3	6.4	11.9
93	83	P & O 5.5%	85	90	..	7.3	8.3	..
400	[illegible]	Powell Duffryn	311	315	+1	29.1	9.0	8.3
708	[illegible]	Runciman (Walter)	680	700●	..	20.0	2.9	16.6
212	148	TIP Europe	165	169●	..	6.8	4.1	11.8
144	106	TNT	106	110	+2	..	..	..
303	257	Tibbet & Britten	275	285●	..	10.0	3.6	15.3
516	432	Tiphook	500	507	+5	10.1	2.0	14.7
248	185	Transport Dev	204	208	..	12.7	6.2	11.7
[illegible]	195	Turnbull Scott	195	205	..	11.1	5.7	10.1

WATER

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
180¼	140¼	Anglian Water	159	160	-1½	20.4	12.8	3.9
180	145	Northumbrian	168	172	-1	21.4	12.6	2.4
172	137	North West	158	159	-1½	21.0	13.2	3.7
160	123	Severn Trent	136	138	-4	19.8	14.5	2.8
171	120	Sthrn Water	132	134	-3	15.0	11.3	3.0
202	141	South West	160	162	-3	17.4	10.8	2.6
171	127	Thames Water	142	144	-2½	19.4	13.6	3.4
198	142	Welsh Water	165	170	-2	22.4	13.3	2.9
189	137	Wessex Water	151	154	+2	20.3	13.3	3.2
196	142	Yorkshire Water	162	165	-3	20.6	12.6	3.7
£1755	£1000	Package Unit	£1523		-£17	..		

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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DAILY DIVIDEND

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	104.8	110.9c	-1.2	9.92
High Inc Equity	133.3	141.8●	-2.2	4.48
W'wide Bond	189.4	200.7●	+0.1	8.43
Amer Growth	193.3	205.6	+1.5	1.13
Asian Pacific	143.9	153.0	+0.1	0.00
Assets/Earns	151.9	162.4●	-2.0	2.99
Capit Res	92.07	92.40	-0.21	6.51
Comm/Energy	94.58	101.4	-1.25	0.00
Euro Capitl	100.1	107.0●	+0.6	0.89
General	171.0	182.8	-2.8	2.74
Japan	101.2	108.2	+0.2	0.00
UK Gth Inc	111.0	118.7●	-0.9	2.73
Do Acc	169.9	181.7●	-1.4	1.78
US Emerg Cos	59.58	63.73	+0.97	0.00
Income/Gth	291.0	311.2●	-3.4	3.29
Mastertrst Acc	89.75	95.95c	-0.05	1.54
Am Inc	51.66	55.13	+0.59	4.97
Ethical	46.92	50.18c	-0.26	1.99
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 4901				
Am Inc/Gth	32.6	34.8●	+0.1	2.14
Euro	93.45	99.78	+0.10	0.00
Euro Inc	88.72	94.55●	+0.05	1.44
Exempt	741.4	784.8●	-12.3	1.31
Extra Inc	41.73	44.55c	-0.56	5.71
F/E Emerg Ec	65.41	70.05	-0.15	0.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366				
High Inc	346.3	369.8	..	5.02
Equity Inc	189.5	202.1	..	5.06
High Yield	197.5	210.3●	..	5.43
Balanced	490.6	522.4c	..	3.46
Am Inc	33.62	35.79	..	4.47
World Ass Val	34.92	37.08	..	1.11
Japan	150.7	159.7	..	0.01
Sec of Am	264.9	281.0●	..	0.35
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capitl	87.68	93.78	-1.31	3.96
Euro Gth Inc	107.6	114.8	+0.2	0.77
Extra Inc	96.68	103.4●	-0.97	6.44
General	186.1	199.0	-2.8	4.11
Gt/Fxd Income	46.56	48.65●	-0.14	11.14
Inc Trust	434.9	465.1	-5.1	5.59

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● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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THIRD MARKET

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 89.0 (day's range 88.8-89.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 24

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6915-1.6940	1.6920-1.6930	0.97-0.95pr	2.76-2.70pr
Montrl	2.0005-2.0079	2.0042-2.0079	0.23-0.14pr	0.42-0.30pr
Amstrdm	3.1775-3.1880	3.1835-3.1871	1¼-1⅛pr	5⅝-5½pr
Brussels	58.09-58.46	58.20-58.41	29-18pr	83-63pr
Copnhgn	10.7554-10.7869	10.7637-10.7869	4⅝-3⅞pr	12½-10⅞pr
Dublin	1.0542-1.0570	1.0559-1.0569	38-32pr	105-96pr
Frankft	2.8258-2.8366	2.8333-2.8366	1¼-1⅛pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Lisbon	248.48-249.96	248.72-249.72	4pr-14ds	71-99ds
Madrid	175.82-176.63	175.97-176.50	16-7pr	34-21pr
Milan	2072.93-2080.46	2076.51-2080.21	6-4pr	18-15pr
Oslo	10.8902-10.9275	10.9041-10.9275	3⅝-3⅛pr	9⅝-9⅛pr
Paris	9.5045-9.5451	9.5310-9.5451	4⅝-4⅛pr	12⅝-11⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.2638-10.3041	10.2713-10.2943	2⅝-2⅛pr	5⅝-5⅛pr
Tokyo	256.34-258.82	256.34-256.66	1⅜-1⅛pr	4⅞-4⅜pr
Vienna	19.88-19.94	19.89-19.92	11⅝-10⅞pr	33⅝-30⅞pr
Zurich	2.3964-2.4032	2.4001-2.4032	1⅜-1⅛pr	3⅝-3⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	8829.10-8833.44
Australia dollar	2.2174-2.2218
Bahrain dinar	0.6340-0.6420
Brazil cruzado *	86.6842-86.7329
Cyprus pound	0.7900-0.8000
Finland marka	6.6115-6.6785
Greece drachma	275.80-280.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.1618-13.1714
India rupee	29.14-29.44
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4905-0.4985
Malaysia ringgit	4.5670-4.5715
Mexico peso	4700-4800
New Zealand dollar	2.9427-2.9497
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3065-6.3885
Singapore dollar	3.1245-3.1281
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6333-6.7700
S Africa rand (com)	4.4655-4.4767
U A E dirham	6.1750-6.2550

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6025-1.6040	Denmark	6.3625-6.3675	Italy	1226.5-1227.5
Singapore	1.8472-1.8482	W Germany	1.6710-1.6720	Belgium (Com)	34.40-34.50
Malaysia	2.7000-2.7010	Switzerland	1.4192-1.4202	Hong Kong	7.7812-7.7822
Australia	*1.3109-1.3126*	*Netherlands*	*1.8795-1.8805*	*Portugal*	*147.15-147.35*
Canada	1.1845-1.1855	France	5.6200-5.6250	Spain	104.10-104.20
Sweden	6.0675-6.0775	Japan	151.50-151.60	Austria	11.75-11.76
Norway	6.4450-6.4550				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 15½ Low 14¾ Week fixed: 14½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 14 21/32 3 mth — 14 17/32
Selling: 2 mth — 14 19/32 3 mth — 14 15/32
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14 23/32–11/16
2 mth: 14 21/32–14⅝ 3 mth: 14 17/32–14½ 6 mth 14 1/16–14
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15 11/32
2 mth: 15 7/32 3 mth: 15 5/32 6 mth 14 11/16
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15 close 15
1 week: 15 1/16–15 1 mth: 15 3/32–1/32 3 mth: 15 1/16–1/32
6 mth: 15 1/16–1/32 9 mth: 15 3/32–1/32 12 mth: 15 1/16–15
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 15 7 day: 15 1 mth: 15
3 mth: 15 6 mth: 15 1/32 12 mth: 14 15/16
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15 1/32–14 31/32
3 mth: 15 1/16–14⅞ 6 mth: 15 1/16–14⅞ 12 mth 15–14⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.20-8.15
3 mth: 8.28-8.25 6 mth: 8.42-8.37 12 mth 8.62-8.57
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15-14⅞ 2 mth: 15 1/16-15 3 mth: 15 1/16-15
6 mth: 15 1/16-1/32 9 mth: 15-14 15/16 12 mth: 14 15/16-⅞

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1990. Agreed rates May 28, 1990 to June 25, 1990. Scheme I: 15.94 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.49 per cent. Reference rate March 31, 1990 to April 30, 1990. Scheme IV & V: 15.247 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8 1/16-7⅞	8 3/16-8 1/16	8 5/16-8 3/16	8 15/32-11/32
Call: 8¼-7¾				
Deutschemark:	7 15/16-13/16	8-7⅞	8 3/16-8 1/16	8⅝-8½
Call: 8-7				
French Franc:	9½-9¼	9¾-9⅝	9¾-9⅝	10-9⅞
Call: 9¾-8¾				
Swiss Franc:	9-8¾	8 13/16-11/16	8 13/16-11/16	8 13/16-11/16
Call: 9¼-8¼				
Yen:	7⅜-7¼	7⅜-7¼	7 7/16-7 5/16	7½-7⅜
Call: 7¾-6¾				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $366.25-366.75 Close: $366.25-366.75
High: $367.75-368.25 Low: $365.75-366.25

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $374.00-379.00 (£221.00-224.00)
Krugerrand: $365.00-368.00 (£216.00-218.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $374.00-379.00 (£221.00-224.00)
American Eagles: $374.00-379.00 (£221.00-224.00)
New Sovereigns: $86.00-88.00 (£51.00-52.50)
Old Sovereigns: $86.00-88.00 (£51.00-52.50)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $499.25 (£295.40)
Palladium pm fix: $121.25 (£71.75)
Spot Silver: $5.26-5.28 (£3.110-3.125)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 21841		
Jun 90	2300.0	2325.0	2290.0	2305.0	6117
Sep 90	2346.0	2363.0	2341.0	2351.0	693
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 180025		
Jun 90	85.00	85.02	84.97	85.01	3401
Sep 90	85.32	85.35	85.26	85.32	23307
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 37305		
Jun 90	91.62	91.63	91.58	91.61	1424
Sep 90	91.59	91.62	91.57	91.60	2093
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 71322		
Jun 90	91.70	91.73	91.68	91.69	879
Sep 90	91.40	91.46	91.35	91.41	1777

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 3585		
Jun 90	89.70	89.70	89.70	89.70	35
Sep 90	89.70	89.70	89.68	89.70	45
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 5190		
Jun 90	93-00	93-05	92-24	93-00	2097
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 42793		
Jun 90	82-16	82-26	82-03	82-20	25831
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 787		
Sep 90	95.65	95.70	95.57	95.67	135
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 70687		
Jun 90	83.04	83.18	82.90	83.01	5630
Sep 90	82.60	82.60	82.45	82.52	1584

COMMODITIES

London Oil Reports

A holiday in many European countries reduced the number of players. After so many down days crude traders hopes of a bounce were not fulfilled. Late price falls last night pushed levels down on products but pre long weekend short covering limited the losses.

CRUDE OILS (barrel) (US$/BBL FOB)		
Brent Phys	15.90	+05
15 day Jun	16.40	+25
15 day Jul	16.70	+05
WTI Jul	18.10	
WTI Aug	18.80	+05

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-3	226-229	-3
Gasoil EEC		150-151	
Non 1H Jul		152-153	
Non 1H Aug		155-156	
3.5 Fuel Oil		63-65	
Naphtha	-1	149-151	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
May 90 Hi —— Low Close 1320
Jun 90 Hi 1215-1205 Low Close 1218
Jul 90 Hi 1120-1110 Low Close 1120
Oct 90 Hi 1215-1210 Low Close 1215
Vol 98 lots Open interest 4237
Dry cargo index 1317 same

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures
Jun 148.75-49.50
Jul 149.75-49.50
Aug 151.75-51.25
Sep 153.75-53.50
Oct 156.50-56.00
Nov 158.75 SLR
Dec 159.75-59.50
Vol 2798

BRENT AMT Futures
Jul 16.66-16.63
Aug 17.11-17.03
Vol 5786

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	125.5	126.0
Feb	142.5	145.0
Apr	184.0	186.3
May	202.5	205.0

Vol 101

LONDON FOX

COCOA AMT Futures
May 948-940 Mar 1013-1012
Jul 967-965 May 1027-1026
Sep 982-980 Jul 1043-1041
Dec 998-997 Vol 7147

COFFEE AMT Futures
May 645-644 Jan 695-694
Jul 662-661 Mar 710-706
Sep 675-673 May 722-720
Nov 684-683 Vol 1595

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2688
Aug 329.8-29.6 Mar 310.8-10.6
Oct 327.6-27.2 May 310.0-09.0
Dec 328.0-10.0 Aug 309.0-08.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 299
Jn 119.70 Sp 113.50 Nv 117.45
Ja 120.70 Mr 124.00 My 127.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 3
Sp 111.65 Nv 115.95 Ja 119.05
Mr 122.10 My 123.60

SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Jun 118.5-21.0 Oct 121.0-21.5
Aug 118.5-19.5 Dec 125.0-27.0

Vol 10

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1591.0-1593.0	1514.0-1515.0	466675	Steadier
Lead	492.5-493.0	488.5-489.0	51850	Steady
Zinc Spec Hi*	1778.0-1779.0	1710.0-1712.0	90175	Firmer
Tin*	6310.0-6320.0	6435.0-6445.0	6520	Brly Stdy
Aluminium Hi*	1546.0-1547.0	1571.0-1572.0	304725	Easier
Nickel*	8350.0-8375.0	8400.0-8425.0	13170	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	131.5	133.3
Aug	121.5	121.3
Oct	123.3	122.8
Nov	121.5	122.0

Live Cattle Contract

Jun	103.0	103.0
Aug	109.0	109.0
Oct	110.0	110.0

Vol Pig-198 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on May 24

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	114.00	223.45	105.59
GB (+/-)	+8.96	*+3.77	-2.27
Eng/Wal (%)	+7.3	+21.0	-57.7
Eng/Wal (p)	114.00	222.73	105.48
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+8.84	+3.42	-2.30
Scotland (%)	n/a	+0.2	-61.:
Scotland (p)	n/a	239.02	106.05
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	+12.76	-2.10

* *Estimated dead carcase weight*

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By Craig Seton

Rebirth of England's great powerhouse

Much of the typical industry of the West Midlands failed in the recession. Today the story is one of reconstruction, high technology, diversification and falling unemployment

The seven local authorities making up the West Midlands conurbation inevitably pursue separate destinies but are bound by the common heritage of heavy industrialization that made it the nation's manufacturing powerhouse.

Their fortunes were so interrelated that the recession of the late 1970s and early 1980s dragged the whole region down into an abyss. Industries collapsed, high unemployment spread like a disease, and swathes of land were left derelict. The decline shattered much of the traditional manufacturing sector, the bedrock of its earlier prosperity.

The West Midlands, the centre of the car manufacturing and component industry and still renowned for its quality engineering, has seen its unemployment figure fall progressively during the past few years and is attracting computer-based, hi-tech companies, many moving in from other parts of the country. In the greater West Midlands region 700 foreign companies alone are estimated to be operating.

The bad memory of the recession has taught the West Midlands that diversification into modern industries and other job-creating sectors is crucial for its future prosperity.

The region has also learned that it has a prime asset in its location at the centre of the national motorway network and that many companies are no longer tied to specific sites and can put down roots almost anywhere if the communications are good.

Authorities in the conurbation are working hard to improve its image. They know there are still many people who regard it as a blighted area with a poor physical environment, although that attitude is changing. However, environmental improvements are now a top priority, helped by European Community funding.

Worries about skill shortages in the region remain and training schemes are a necessity, although people here claim that traditionally the work-force has proved itself to be adaptable. High interest rates, the slowdown in the economy and evidence of jobs being shed in other parts of Britain are also causing nervous glances at economic indicators.

However, the health of the West Midlands car industry has always been regarded as a good indication of the health of the region itself. Rover, newly acquired by British Aerospace, is recruiting more workers at its huge assembly plant at Longbridge, Birmingham, and demand for Land-Rovers and Range Rovers from the Solihull plant is undiminished. Jaguar, taken over by Ford, remains a large employer in Coventry. Also in Coventry, at Ryton, Peugeot-Talbot is booming.

Although the seven authorities still have much in common and all benefit from specific regional assets, the sense that they would seek new prosperity in their own way was intensified when in 1986 the Government abolished the West Midlands County Council, an authority that had encompassed their areas and had enabled them to speak at least part of the time with one voice.

'The authorities are working hard to improve the area's image'

Birmingham, the biggest authority, with a population of a million, has charted a new course as an international business city, based on the authority's £150 million International Convention Centre, which is to open next year offering conference and convention facilities to complement the National Exhibition Centre. A £50 million indoor sports arena is part of the estimated £2 billion worth of developments under way or scheduled in Birmingham.

The four Black Country boroughs of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall are, like Birmingham, keen to improve the perception of the area and raise its profile to make it more attractive to investors. The four combined in an initiative to carry out this task and to draw in funds from the European Community to help with the regeneration.

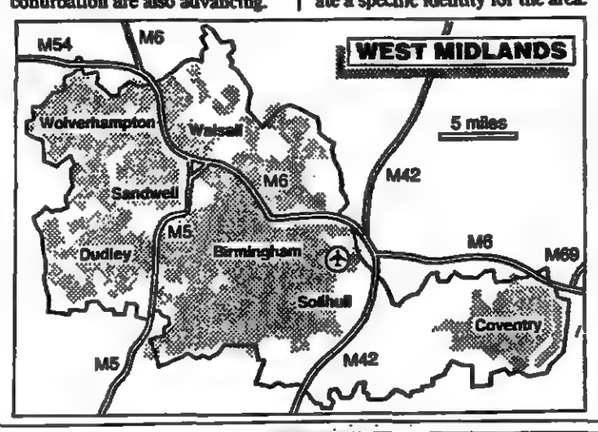
Three years ago the Black Country Development Corporation began its strategy costing at least £1 billion to revitalize an area of 10 square miles for industry, commerce and housing. The corporation was set up by the Government, unlike the development agency that is performing a similar £1 billion task in east Birmingham. This agency was created by five big construction companies in partnership with the city council.

Coventry remains an important manufacturing centre, and optimism is growing at the number of new jobs being created by smaller, hi-tech companies established in modern business parks and by institutions that are moving to the city.

Solihull is the only authority of the seven not to be controlled by Labour. The borough suffered less severely than the others during the recession, but the ruling Tory group has tired of its image as merely a prosperous suburb of Birmingham. It wants to promote Solihull as a centre for modern, "clean" hi-tech companies in attractive, unintrusive business parks near the motorway.

All seven authorities benefit from Birmingham International Airport, which links the region with important British and European centres. The airport dealt with 3.5 million passengers in 1989 and work has started on a new Euro-Hub terminal, which will cost £60 million, to increase the capacity.

Plans for a £1 billion Midland Metro light rail system across the conurbation are also advancing.



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Bright looks for the Black Country: the Dudley businessmen Don and Roy Richardson take stock from the top of Dudley Castle

Identity crisis conquered

The Black Country, after serious decline, confirms the pride in its traditional name

A few years ago a number of people suggested that the boroughs of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell should change the collective name of their area from the Black Country to something more positive. They thought the title conjured up an unfortunate image of smoking chimneys and grimy streets once associated with the area during its heyday as an industrial powerhouse.

The Black Country name ultimately remained because councillors and officials of the four authorities believed it helped create a specific identity for the area.

Although the name stayed, the boroughs were keen to create a new image for the Black Country as it tried to overcome the damage of the recession in the early 1980s and promote the area as a place for industry to thrive again.

As a result, the boroughs joined together in an initiative, still being pursued, to raise the profile of the Black Country, attract new companies and replace some of the tens of thousands of jobs lost in the traditional industries, especially steel and engineering, for which it was famous.

The initiative now embraces a number of common concerns, including the need for European Community and government funds, a better environment, hopes for the tourism industry and improved communications.

Viv Astling, chief executive of Dudley Council and former chief executive of Walsall, says the joint initiative began when the four authorities realized they were not doing as well as neighbouring Birmingham in overcoming the impact of the recession, although together they were geographically bigger and had a larger population.

The boroughs believed they were overshadowed by Birmingham and that they had to do more to assert themselves both nationally and in seeking European Community funds. The boroughs now jointly employ a European liaison officer. Since 1984 they have received £47 million from the Community for infrastructure work and training and £28.5 million for the 1989-91 period to help develop the local economy and improve the area's image.

In 1987 the Government recognized the appalling and rapid decline of the area and created the Black Country Development Corporation. Ministers charged the corporation with the task of reclaiming more than 1,500 acres of blighted land left derelict by industrial recession and lay the groundwork for regeneration.

Mr Astling says the Black Country initiative made a priority of environmental improvements to help change the area's image. The Black Country now boasts Britain's first urban forestry unit aimed at "greening" urban sites.

A new Black Country route is under construction and the area would benefit from a proposed £1 billion Midland Metro light railway system, which is intended to link Birmingham and Wolverhampton and, eventually, Walsall and Dudley.

A freight terminal interchange in the Black Country has the potential to provide a direct link with the Channel Tunnel.

Mr Astling says Merry Hill, a £1 billion, 1.2 million sq ft shopping and leisure city on the site of a former steelworks in Dudley, which has a £20 million monorail, epitomized the decline of one great industry and the start of an entirely new service sector.

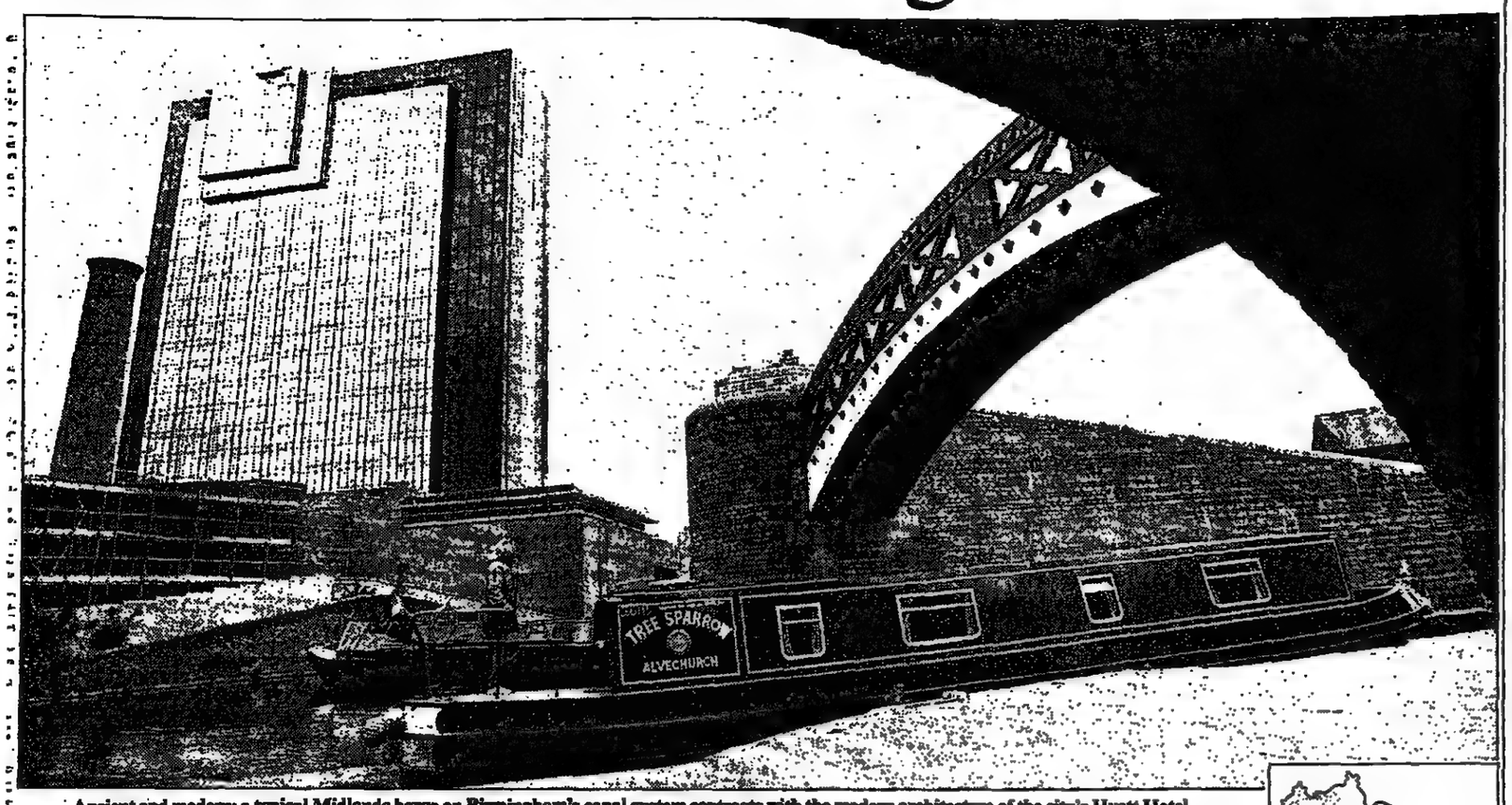
Merry Hill has been created by the Black Country twins Don and Roy Richardson, who now want to build a 2,000ft tower, the world's tallest, on the site. The entrepreneurs believe it would become a regional, national and international attraction.

In spite of the recession, the Black Country boroughs still make up an important manufacturing and engineering centre. Unemployment is now about the national average.

Mr Astling says of the Black Country's proposed name change: "Some people did suggest it, but I have not seen anyone arguing that the name of the Black Forest in Germany, or Blackpool, should be changed. It is something we should revel in."

Britain's second city aims to provide an unrivalled centre for events as its recovery gets under way

New mood to bring in a billion



Ancient and modern: a typical Midlands barge on Birmingham's canal system contrasts with the modern architecture of the city's Hyatt Hotel

Birmingham's flagship development, the £150 million International Convention Centre (ICC), opens in less than a year. Many of the city's hopes depend on it. The ICC is the foundation stone of Birmingham's effort to be recognized as an international business city and to diversify further into the service sector, a process begun by the success of its expanding National Exhibition Centre (NEC).

Birmingham retains its historic manufacturing base, but it received a harsh lesson when the recession destroyed tens of thousands of jobs in traditional "metal-bashing" industries. Unemployment has since fallen progressively and prosperity is returning to many of the companies that survived, including Rover, which is recruiting again at its huge Longbridge plant. However, while the service sector is built up, the city is striving to create jobs and wealth in computer-based industries on modern business parks. Companies are being wooed to the area by its reputation for a skilled work-force and good communications at the heart of the motorway network and near an expanding international airport.

An overall strategy also includes plans to improve the physical face of Birmingham and its cultural and artistic credentials, a policy that has achieved some notable coups.

The ICC is promoted as having Britain's best conference, convention and concert facilities. Teams are travelling the world to attract customers and bookings as far ahead as the year 2000 have been secured. Birmingham claims the ICC and the NEC together will be able to offer unrivalled space for events.

The city council and industrial leaders believe the ICC's potential has already boosted confidence in Birmingham's future so convincingly that it is now a powerful magnet attracting other investment. Birmingham is becoming a booming commercial centre and developments under way or scheduled, including offices, business parks, shopping centres and hotel projects, are estimated at £2 billion.

One of the biggest and most ambitious schemes is Birmingham Heartlands, a plan to regenerate 2,500 acres of derelict land in the east of the city by creating new industrial, commercial, residential, retail and leisure facilities. One of the aims will be to raise the city's national profile.

The strategy to attract £1 billion of investment for new developments in that area is being carried out by Britain's first private sector-led development agency, in which five big construction companies and the Labour-controlled city council are partners. This effort shows the degree of public-private co-operation in schemes to continue Birmingham's revival.

As its prosperity advances, despite the recent economic slowdown, Birmingham is trying to improve its appearance and create a city centre in keeping with the image of an international business centre.

The 1960s redevelopment created an inner ring road system that became a "concrete collar" and forced pedestrians into subways. A ground-level boulevard system is now in the offing and priority will be given to pedestrians. Seven quarters near the centre have been identified for improvements to enhance their distinctive characteristics.

The city fathers knew that in recent years Birmingham was regarded as having only one important cultural asset — the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, under its conductor, Simon Rattle, which is moving to a 2,000-seater concert hall in the ICC. Although they thought this perception unfair, they realized it had to be changed.

The city then held detailed talks with the London-based Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, and as a result the famous company announced it was to move to a new home at the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre. A £4 million headquarters is being built in time for the transfer later this year. Only a few weeks ago the D'Oyly Carte Opera also announced it had found a new home at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre.

Team with a mission to rebuild

The Black Country Development Corporation had no mean task when it was created three years ago. Its job was to plan and launch the revitalization of a large area that had been an industrial powerhouse for generations before crashing into dereliction under the hammer blows of the recession.

New industries, business parks and offices, homes, shopping centres and leisure facilities are needed, together with up to 30,000 extra jobs, to restore the fortunes of the area where steelworks, engineering and other factories once thrived. The strategy to make it an attractive place in which to live and work is now under way in what is expected to be a 10-year programme.

The corporation, acting as a catalyst and armed with a £150 million budget, will eventually need to attract between £1 billion and £1.5 billion of private-sector investment for new projects within a 10-square-mile area. Most of this falls within the Sandwell and Walsall boroughs, but parts of Wolverhampton are also included. The economically and environmentally depressed area is estimated still to provide jobs for more than 50,000 people, but more job opportunities and new housing are crucial for the future.

The task since 1987 has been to assemble fragmented parcels of blighted land, clear away widespread dereliction and build roads and new sites for development, all within an environmental plan that will include the planting of thousands of trees and the restoration of many miles of canal.

The Government is meeting the £140 million cost of a five-mile spine road linking with the M5 and M6, which will open up 400 acres for development. Access would also be increased by the proposed Midland Metro light rail system linking Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

The corporation has identified 1,500 acres of derelict land as the regeneration "target" area. Of this, 700 acres have been acquired and are being reclaimed. An estimated £100 million worth of private investment is being spent on new schemes and a further £200 million will be committed in the next 18 months.

Sir William Francis, the corporation's chairman, says planning permission has already been given for 27 million sq ft of manufacturing space, 27 million sq ft of non-food retail space and 807,000 sq ft of office accommodation. Additionally, 1,700 homes are being built and, by the end of this year, 1,000 acres of derelict land will have been acquired. "What matters most to us is what a developer is going to put on a Black Country site, for example, in terms of how many jobs they will create and how they will improve the environment," Sir William says. "That is one of the benefits of an organization like ours."

One of the most ambitious schemes is Sandwell 2000, a £300 million project involving Sandwell Council and the Speyhawk property group, to create four million sq ft of retail, commercial and leisure facilities. New homes are being created at Tividale in a canalside setting, a 75-acre business park is being built on a former steelworks site, and a 12-screen cinema is planned at Black Country Gate.

The corporation has recovered all of a £340,000 city grant it invested to stimulate a flagship project for 250 new homes at Darlaston. The developers repaid the money within 18 months because the first new homes were quickly sold, most of them to local first-time buyers.

At a recent London exhibition Sir William told developers and financiers about River Point, which is among the first of the corporation's wholly owned commercial sites to be released. The 16 acres are being offered for "high-grade" commercial or light industrial use.

Sir William: "benefits"

The area's canal network is being regarded as a first-rate environmental asset to be renewed and become an integral part of regeneration. The corporation and British Waterways appointed consultants to advise on improvements to the waterways, towpaths and immediate surroundings for tourism and recreation.

The corporation and Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton Councils are among the sponsors of the Black Country Urban Forestry Unit, the first of its kind in Britain, set up to "green" the urban area by tree planting on under-used and unused land.

David Morgan, the corporation's chief executive, says: "There are developments going on where we can see steelwork coming out of the ground. We have passed the preparatory stage and we are now heavily into implementation. What underpins our confidence is the evidence of building and we are looking forward to the next few years with terrific excitement."

Foreign cash and 18,000 jobs

The development agency believes that money from overseas is vital to the revival of the West Midlands

The West Midlands Development Agency estimates that it has helped to create 18,000 jobs in four years by attracting overseas investors. The region now has 700 foreign companies. Together with the Department of Trade and Industry, the agency was involved in months of negotiations with Reinshagen, the West German wiring systems manufacturer, which is now to establish a £6 million plant in Coventry to supply British motor manufacturers. It will create 450 jobs.

Reinshagen will be one of 170 West German companies in the region. Such discussions to bring foreign investment into the West Midlands are at the heart of the agency's work, often carried out against intense competition from Europe and other parts of Britain.

Reinshagen's move results from the agency's strategy of concentrating on investment appropriate to the region, especially automotive components. Simon Armstrong, the agency's chief executive, says the Reinshagen project could easily have gone to another location. However, he says: "The region has been traditionally strong in car manufacturing and the resurgence of its components industry now gives it the potential to become the capital of the European car industry by 1992."

The agency expects in the next few weeks to announce another new investment in the components sector involving a joint Japanese-European company and eventually creating several hundred jobs.

Welcomed: Simon Armstrong with Masao Otsuka, of Birmingham's Bank of Tokyo

The scale of foreign investment in the West Midlands since it began in earnest in the 1960s is estimated to have reached £2.5 billion and to have created 100,000 jobs.

The agency believes the region benefits in other ways. Incoming foreign companies buy their equipment locally, train employees in new skills and use local research and development and business services. A recent survey showed that European Community countries have been increasing their investment. The Community has contributed 39 per cent of all overseas investment in the West Midlands, compared with 36 per cent from the United States.

The agency was set up in 1984 as the West Midlands Industrial Development Association to help regenerate the region after the recession. It is funded by the Department of Trade and Industry, local authorities and the private sector. It has been relaunched with its new name and a strengthened team.

Mr Armstrong, a former general manager of the Falkland Development Corporation, took over last year. He believes the opportunities are increasing for the West Midlands to capitalize further on investment from countries ranging from the US to Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong, particularly as the single European market approaches and companies seek a European foothold. The number of Japanese banks now in Birmingham, for example, has risen to five.

Mr Armstrong says: "Our local companies will have the advantage of being able to develop with the changes happening around them, rather than suddenly being put out of business by a flood of new-technology imports.

"Inward investment is proving to be the fastest and most effective way of regenerating our industrial base."

He realizes there is some resentment that foreign investment should be so strongly encouraged in the important sectors of a region with a proud manufacturing tradition. However, he replies that if foreign investors do not put their money into Britain they will place it elsewhere in the European Community and the resulting products will flood the British market.

Mr Armstrong is also convinced the foreign investment is inevitable while there are "huge gaps" in British industry. He says: "There is a real possibility that if British companies do not strive to achieve global standards and become competitive on a global scale, they will be pushed out of domestic markets by suppliers who have realized the global challenge."

Companies start to ride into Coventry

Local businesses fight back after the early 1980s company crashes

Memories of the recession have made diversification the name of the game in Coventry and there are signs of it everywhere as the city energetically re-creates its prosperity. Business parks are thriving, new office developments are under way and dozens of companies are moving to the city.

Coventry's recent past explains why it is now aiming for a healthy mix of established manufacturing and "new-age" hi-tech industries.

An estimated 53,000 jobs were lost in manufacturing during two black years at the start of the 1980s when companies crashed and jobs were savagely cut.

However, 40 per cent of Coventry's working population remains in engineering, and the city is still powerfully linked with the car industry through Jaguar, Peugeot-Talbot, Rover and Carbodies, which together employ thousands. Other famous company names have helped Coventry to retain its manufacturing base, including Massey Ferguson, making tractors, Alvis, building armoured cars, Rolls-Royce, producing aero engines, Dunlop, the hydraulics company, and Lucas, specializing in electrical systems.

There are constant reminders of the relentless need for the creation of new jobs. GPT, the telecommunications company, announced it was to shed 700 jobs in Coventry.

However, unemployment in Coventry has fallen from its recession peak of 20 per cent to 8 per cent. Today, the Labour-controlled city council's economic development and planning unit capitalizes on the city's reputation for a skilled and adaptable workforce as it beckons companies to a new location at the centre of the motorway network.

The Westwood Business Park, to the west of the city, has become a modern success story for Coventry since it was created in 1987 to offer high-quality serviced sites to companies. So far it has created more than 1,800 jobs. Space in the first phase of 70 acres of the landscaped site was sold out in only nine months and two-thirds of an additional 30 acres are already booked. More than 30 companies have taken space at Westwood and one of its biggest coups was to attract a Barclays Bank satellite head office. Barclays will move about 1,000 jobs from London and several hundred of them will be available for local people.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors will have a regional office on the site and the RSA Examinations Board and the Institute of Housing are to set up national centres there.

Warwick University's science park, a longer-term success story, is next to Westwood. The science park was set up by the university, the city council and Warwickshire County Council in 1984 as a prime location for hi-tech, computer-based companies. It was intended to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and research between academics and the new industrialists there. Computer-aided design, robotics and information technology have become common features of the science park, which is now home to more than 50 companies.

The National Grid Company is also to move its corporate headquarters, employing about 600 people, to a site near the science park and Westwood, and 200 staff of the Department of Transport's motorway widening unit are moving from London to Friars House, Coventry's first big speculative office development for 15 years.

The city council is now working with P & O to create a £20 million office village, to be called Middlemarch, next to Coventry airport. The environment-friendly development is intended to capitalize on the desire of companies to move to the Coventry area and promises to create up to 5,000 jobs.

Coventry's vital motor industry connections have also attracted Società Italiana Vetro, an Italian glass manufacturer, and Reinshagen, a West German car wiring company, which will create hundreds of new jobs at a £6 million plant.

Myles Mackie, the city's investment policy officer, says diversification of the industrial and commercial base and a flexible labour market are essential to Coventry's future prosperity. "The slump was such a shock," he says. "It shook the city to its foundations. When the slump reached its bottom, the city asked whether it had a future at all. Now we are looking to the 1990s in an very optimistic light. In 1980 we probably had only about 30 hi-tech companies in Coventry. Now we have more than 300. Everything is on the up."

Mr Mackie says the availability of labour, the relative cheapness of industrial and office sites and its location 100 miles from London and at the hub of the motorway network make Coventry particularly attractive to relocating companies and institutions. He says: "We are a small city and we have discovered that people do not want to move from congested London to another large, congested city."

A town escapes the shadow of its dominant neighbour

A 100-acre site alongside the M42 has been earmarked for a new business park that Solihull Borough Council believes will be Britain's finest. The council is certain the Blythe Valley park will attract modern computer-based companies.

However, the hi-tech business-park proposal, to be carried out with the developer Speyhawk on interim green belt land, will be the subject of a public inquiry later this year. If given the go-ahead, the landscaped, low-density development, to incorporate a further 100 acres as a country park for local people, would be next to junction 4 of the M42, south of Birmingham.

The motorway, linking with the M6 to the north and the M5 to the west, is only a few miles from the new extension of the M40, which will eventually link Birmingham with London. This puts the proposed park at the heart of the motorway network that links the West Midlands with the rest of Britain. The council is convinced this is a trump card in attracting investment at a time when the West Midlands is challenging other booming areas, such as the M4 corridor, in the expanding field of hi-tech business parks.

The proposal has been put forward as Solihull makes a great effort to emerge from the shadow of its large neighbour, Birmingham, and establish its own identity as a location for offices and other modern business developments.

The leaders of the Tory-controlled borough believe Solihull has too often been considered merely an affluent, middle-class suburb of Birmingham. The image ignores the fact that Solihull is an industrial base in its own right. Land-Rover, which employs 6,000 people, and Lucas, the motor-components manufacturer, are both based there.

Solihull forms a wedge between Birmingham and Coventry. The town's northern area consists largely of municipal estates to house Birmingham's overspill, and the east of the borough is mainly rural. Solihull town, with its tree-lined roads and pleasant appearance, has helped create its reputation as Birmingham's stockbroker belt, almost suggesting that it has no need to create new prosperity for its population or worry about job prospects.

Bob Meacham, the council leader, points out that Birmingham International Airport, one of the fastest-growing in Britain, and the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), a West Midlands success story, are also both on Solihull land. The council is now keen to provide land and space for small businesses and office developments. New companies that have come to the area recently include Powergen and National Homeloans.

Mr Meacham says: "We see ourselves as very much part of the West Midlands and I cheer as loudly as anybody when a new company decides to locate in the region. At the same time, we have done things to make sure people are aware that Solihull is a good place in which to create wealth."

Ideally, the Blythe Valley Business Park would become a location for computer-based companies doing research and development, he says.

John Scampion, Solihull's chief executive, says the council wants to establish the borough as a base for distintive, high-quality industry and commerce.

A property review by Knight Welch Bryce, a property consultant, suggested Solihull could become the region's premier office location, with hundreds of thousands of sq ft of speculative developments under construction or planned.

Eye on the future: Bob Meacham, leader of Solihull Council, at the site of the planned Blythe Valley development

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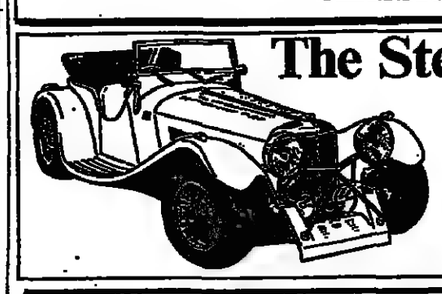

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By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

On the high road to a holiday nightmare

The summer exodus to the Continent is about to begin. Kevin Eason and Andrew Vidion look at the pitfalls and perils facing our armies of unprepared motorists

It is not just the problem of diagnosing the fault in the broken-down car that faces the RAC's valiant rescue man abroad. The greater problem is often finding the stranded motorist.

According to the the Royal Automobile Club, more than two million Britons will take their cars abroad this year — a record number — and many of them will not have a clue where they are.

Baffled motorists ring in to emergency centres with pleas for help, but are unable to answer the vital question: "Where are you?" Unfamiliarity with foreign place names and differently labelled roads means that when the family car comes to a spluttering stop, drivers are often totally lost.

Rescue services facing a deluge of calls through what is likely to be the busiest summer on record say this is the last answer they want to hear.

The rush starts this weekend as half-term holidays encourage families to seek the sun. Driving in Britain will be bad enough with traffic jams worse than Easter's record 110-mile M1 tailback threatened.

Long airport queues and the rising cost of package tours have persuaded many people to turn to motoring holidays. Thousands of drivers are discovering to their cost, however, that motorway queues are just as frustrating, and that finding their own way around the Continent can be an alarming experience.

Too many holidaymakers fail to take precautions against medical problems or vehicle breakdowns — these could often be avoided through simple home maintenance — while too few know the language of the country they are touring.

They discover their folly as soon as the car stops. The RAC says many calls are simply to revive cars which have overheated. A simple oil and water check before setting off — an elementary precaution — would have avoided the problem.

Many drivers have forgotten to note their direction and road number and they cannot ask directions of locals because they cannot string together a sensible sentence in a foreign language.

The RAC says: "It seems daft to say that motorists do not know where they are, but it is too often true. They ring in pleading for help and we spend lots of time trying to find them."

The unexpected will always happen, but motorists planning a trip abroad should be as prepared as the average motoring boy scout. Take advice from the experts, such as the RAC or Automobile Association, who can plan routes, offer insurance against breakdown and warn of pitfalls in each nation. The AA, for example, plans 25,000 routes a year. The London tourist offices of whichever country you are heading for can also provide additional information.

Basic rules are that a British driving licence is acceptable in most countries, although an international licence can be provided by the AA, and translations are demanded in Spain and Italy. Get a Green Card from your insurance company to avoid any legal tangles.

The best way of easing the headache is to take out breakdown insurance before you go. National Breakdown, the AA, Mondial Assistance and the RAC, among others, all offer cover from about £40 for a two-week visit.

Many countries have a national organization which will give roadside help, but there is only a limited road patrol service in Norway and no nationwide service in France. You will have to pay for any assistance.

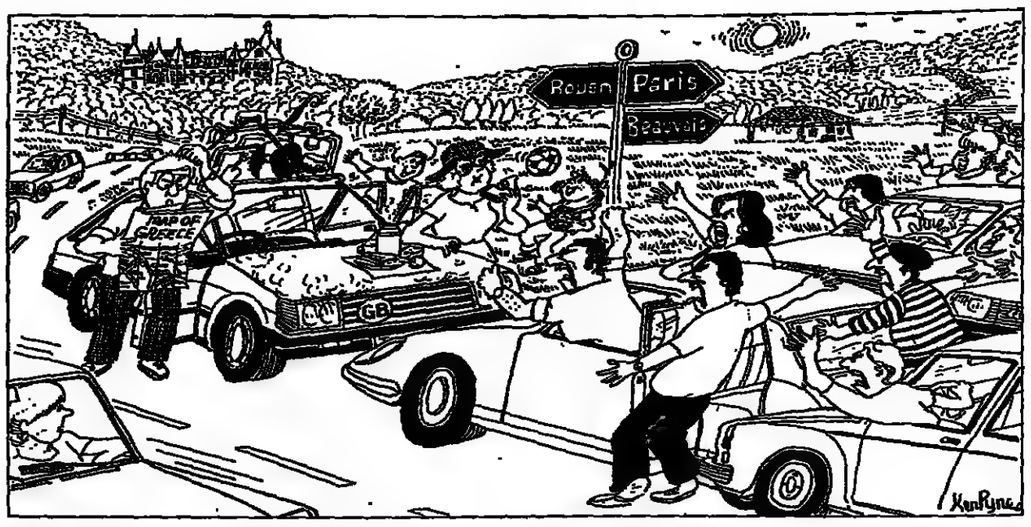
Serious accidents should be reported to the police immediately — this is compulsory if anyone is injured. However, the consequences of a crash in Spain take on new dimensions with the possibility of the car being impounded and those involved detained pending bail. If you plan to drive in Spain, take out a bail bond through your insurance company. A warning triangle is necessary in most European countries.

Watch speed restrictions, which vary enormously and can lead to on-the-spot fines. Imagine the horror of one motorist enjoying the delights of a straight autoroute through northern France recently, who was stopped for speeding and issued with an immediate fine of 900 francs (about £94).

If you are towing, the limits are lower, and in Norway, some motorways have a 56mph restriction. In Portugal, visitors who have held a driving licence for less than a year cannot travel faster than 56mph and have to display a circular 90 sign on the car.

For the adventurous few, eastern Europe has become an exotic holiday destination. But it can become a nightmare unless the correct preparations are carried out. Very little is certain once you cross into the eastern bloc with unleaded petrol, for instance, in short supply and breakdown facilities scarce.

Wherever you go, do not take for granted that integration of the UK in the European Community means driving is not so different on the Continent — nor that police will look kindly on ignorant foreigners.



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Speed limits: in towns 60kph (37mph), A-roads 90kph (56mph), motorways 120kph (74mph). *Toll free. Emergencies:* report accidents involving injury to police. Fire and ambulance 100, police 101. Belgian tourist service 071-499-5379.

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Speed limits: in town 60kph (37mph), A-roads outside town 90kph (56mph) and motorways 130kph (80mph). Be careful. On-the-spot speeding payments are often required. *Tolls:* extensive throughout autoroutes and can be expensive if travelling to the south. Keep plenty of cash handy. *Emergencies:* First-aid kit will be expected. Place a warning triangle to rear of vehicle. Emergency numbers — fire 18 and police 17. Further information from French tourist office on 071-491-7622.

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Speed limits: 60kph (37mph) in town and 120kph (74mph) on motorways. *Tolls:* extensive. *Emergencies:* Main roads have an SOS telephone network, but procedures vary throughout the country as do emergency numbers. Spanish tourist service on 071-499-0901.

THE NETHERLANDS

Speed limits: 50kph (31mph) in town, 120kph (74mph) on motorways. *Emergencies:* same procedure as Britain, but numbers of local emergency services may vary considerably. Look in the front of telephone directory for help. Driving on side lights only is prohibited and dipped headlights must be used at all times in built-up areas. Netherlands tourist service on 071-630-0451.

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Speed limits: 50kph (31mph) in town, motorways 120kph (74mph). *Tolls:* expect a motorway tax of about 30 Swiss francs, authorized by a sticker which can be bought at the border. *Emergencies:* Sensible reporting of injuries and keep traffic flowing where possible. Police and ambulance call 118. Swiss tourist office 071-734-1921.

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EASTERN EUROPE

Subject to many variables. Make sure you contact a reputable motoring organization, such as the AA or RAC, for full details before setting out. Make sure of adequate supplies of fuel if your car takes unleaded only, plus medical help and breakdown retrieval.

ROADWISE

■ Catalytic convertors may clean up the atmosphere, but they often cause a "bad eggs" smell in the car. Rover has won the Casella/Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents award for its technology which removes the odour caused by hydrogen sulphide build-up in the convertor. This means motorists do not have to suffer for their efforts to "go green".

■ BMW has moved into Dresden, setting up its first sales and service centre on the other side of the battered Iron Curtain. The company expects the deal later this month to be the first of many giving it representation through East Germany by 1994.

■ Readers may sometimes think we do not know our right from our left in this column . . . and last week they were right and we were wrong. Our item on the Institute of Advanced Motorists should have said that the Japanese drive on the left as we do, and not on the right. Something went seriously wrong in the translation. Apologies to Ted Clements, the IAM's chief examiner, who is certain which way round it should be.

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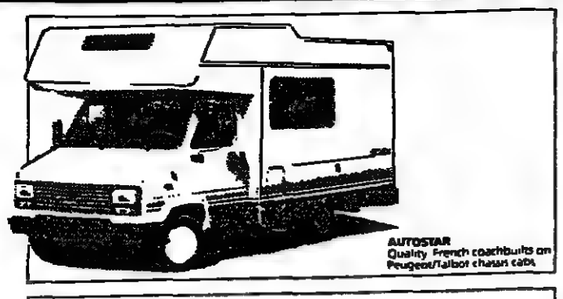
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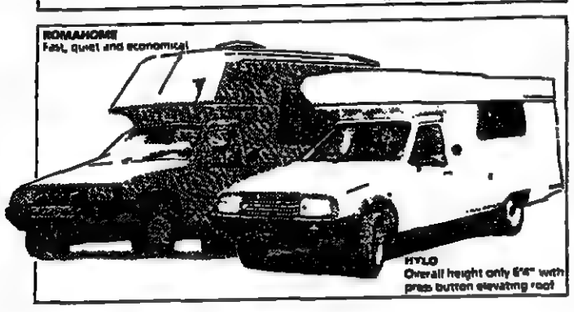
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

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Bad debts mount as high interest rates start to bite

By Brian Collett

A NEW survey casts doubt on the view that small businesses are being put under pressure by their suppliers to pay earlier because of high interest rates.

Mr John Hackwood, of National Westminster's small business services department, said: "There is anecdotal evidence that big companies hit small firms when there is a crunch." Yet only 1 per cent of the 1,279 small operators in the bank's survey complained of this problem.

However, small businesses are facing a growing problem of bad debts. The NatWest survey found that interest rates are making it hard for credit customers to pay promptly and businesses may be adding to the problem by granting extra credit to boost flagging sales.

The survey found that one in four small businesses has had to write off a bad debt in the past year, and of these one in 10 considered the effect of the debt to have been serious. Nearly a third of those businesses affected said their bad debts were more of a problem now than they were 12 months ago.

Mr David Powell, head of NatWest's small business services, said: "The survey clearly shows the need for caution by small firms when granting credit. If the sum is significant, banks can usually help by obtaining a reference on the person or business concerned. Keep an eye on your invoices too.

"The longer you wait to chase an outstanding debt, the more difficult it is likely to be to collect."

He suggested those experiencing difficulties discuss any bad debt with their bank managers early on and added that factoring may be the solution.

He also reminded small businesses that from April next year any debts more than two years old and written off in the profit-and-loss account will be eligible for relief from VAT.

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By Rodney Hobson

NO MANUFACTURING. No salesmen. No research and development. Mrs Tina Knight has grown her company from a £4,000 launch five years ago to a turnover of £2 million a year as much by deciding what not to do as by what she has to sell.

She is managing director of Nighthawk Electronics, based at Debden, Essex. The company supplies switches for computer equipment, the kind of gadget that, for example, allows half-a-dozen personal computers to use one printer between them.

She says: "I didn't want to get into in manufacturing. I make less money by not manufacturing myself, but I save myself the headaches. Why should I start manufacturing as long as I've got my bottom line right? Turnover is vanity, profit is sanity. I have run companies for other people and I do not have to grow big just for the kudos."

Instead, Mrs Knight contracts out to factories in Derby and Bedford. She feels she still has control over quality, since any item that is not up to standard can be sent back.

She also has the ultimate threat of taking away trade, which would leave the manufacturers she uses with a large void to fill. "We would do so if quality was not good enough. Many manufacturers have under-utilized capacity."

Mrs Knight uses freelance salesmen on a commission basis. She explains: "I didn't want a huge sales force. Most sales managers sit in their cars at the side of the road filling in swindle sheets. Research and development is another area where expenses would be terrific. We have freelance design teams working on specific products. We give them a brief and they quote a price.

"The cost still works out at twice what you expected, but at least you have a measure of control. I could not afford to employ R&D staff full-time and I would not need them full-time. Our system minimizes the risks and gives us a quality we could not afford as a small company."

Indirectly, the tight-knit staff of 12 at Debden control and provide work for about 380 elsewhere. All Nighthawk employees are chiefs as well as Indians. Mrs Knight says: "If a sales inquiry comes in, it must be out within 24 hours, because that's tomorrow's business. All staff are trained that the customer is always right. Politeness is sadly lacking in business today."

In return, the staff have the pleasure of working in a rural setting, where ducks waddle up to the door to be fed. They turned down the idea of moving on to an industrial estate in Saffron Walden, Essex.

Nighthawk counts blue chip companies including banks, finance houses, building societies and insurance companies among its customers. It has just developed a security system to protect against hackers and viruses.

A device on the computer keyboard works like the machines some retailers and restaurants have for credit cards.

A card issued to a staff member, complete with personal identity number, is run through the keyboard device to allow access. Unauthorized users are kept out. The cost, including five cards, is just under £2,000.

Protypes were on display at an industrial fair in Hamburg. Americans showed great interest as did East Europeans.

System for safety: Tina Knight at her Knighthawk Electronics offices in Debden, Essex

Trust aims support at minorities

By A Correspondent

A CHARITY with the Prince of Wales's patronage has been set up in London to help young people from ethnic minorities start their own businesses.

The Prince's Youth Business Trust, with a north-east London office in Sunley House, part of Toynbee Hall, the social help centre, offers assistance to people aged up to 25, or 30 if disabled.

The trust is targeting the Asian community, which has been slow to take advantage of the business help on offer even though many of its members have an entrepreneurial tradition.

The chief reason is that Asians have an extended family culture, under which they support one another without seeking outside help. A young Asian going into business is therefore more likely to receive start-up cash from members of his family.

Mr Roger Harvey, the trust's regional manager, also found language problems stops some from applying. People of African and Caribbean origin are less reluctant to apply for business help.

The trust, formed from two enterprise schemes about six years ago, obtains most of its funds from industry, and all contributions are matched pound for pound by the Government. It offers grants for tools, equipment, transport, fees, insurance and training, and loans for stock, equipment and working capital. After a business has begun an adviser gives a free service. Further details: 071-247 4241.

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Barry Pickthall looks at changes in the design of yachts for future Whitbread Round the World Races

New breed to chase the clipper ships

THE Whitbread Round the World Race has been an extraordinary success. Overlooking the early controversies over the measurement rules that resulted in the two New Zealand ketches, Steinlager 2 and Fisher & Paykel, dominating the event, and the shortcomings of the handicap system which left the small yachts with no chance to challenge the maxis, the 33,000-mile adventure has drawn a huge armchair following.

The television coverage from each leg and daily first-hand reports in newspapers have given yachting a huge lift, at a time when the drawn-out court battle over the America's Cup had put the sport in the doldrums.

As a result, skippers, crews and sponsors have begun making plans for the next race in three years' time, even before the last boats are home from this one.

A team of designers will meet in Sussex next month to establish rules for a new breed of boats at 60ft and 80ft levels as bids flood in from ports around the world eager to host one of the five stop-overs.

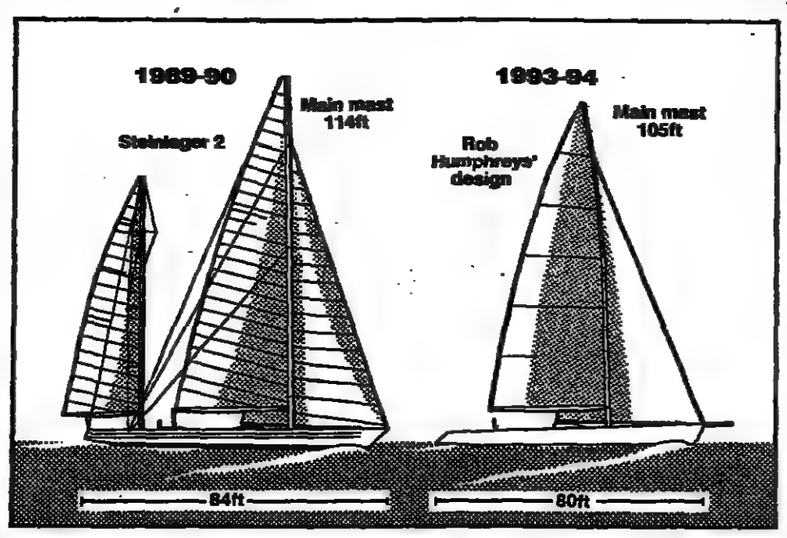
Their brief from skippers and sponsors is to produce parameters for lighter boats that sail faster and more safely with fewer crew. In the words of David Pritchard-Barratt, the retiring chairman of Whitbread's race executive, "We want boats that can challenge the clipper ship records."

It has not been lost on Whitbread competitors that, while they struggled to better an average of 10knots with 14 to 17 crew in 80ft yachts, carrying eight tons of speed-sapping lead, placed there to satisfy a measurement rule, Titouan Lamazou, the French sailor, circled the globe in 109 days at an average of 9.48knots alone, aboard a boat that was 20ft shorter than the Whitbread maxis.

Indeed, there were many days in the extreme conditions faced in the Southern Ocean when Ecuriel de Aquitaine was quicker than her sluggish Whitbread rivals.

As most skippers admit, unless something is quickly done to overhaul the design criteria for multi-crewed ocean-racing yachts, the 60ft open-design boats, built to a simple rule drawn up for the rival BOC Challenge single-handed round-the-world race, which starts from Newport, Rhode Island, in September, will outperform the Whitbread yachts in four years' time.

BOC organizers are watching closely what the Whitbread designers will decide, particularly for the 60ft division, which has already won approval for the 1993 race. The requirements given them by the skippers include water ballast tanks, to aid stability and reduce the number of crew required, and ultra-light displacement, to maximize speed.



Their own rules are similar, but will there be sufficient common ground that will allow Whitbread boats to compete in the BOC race and vice-versa?

The criticism laid at the door of BOC is that its simple rule has no structural requirements to ensure the yachts do not break up, and that without a restriction on maximum beam, there are no guarantees that the yachts will right themselves automatically in the event of a knock-down.

This was proved during the recent Globe Challenge, when Philippe Poupon's 60ft French challenger, Fleury Michon, capsized in the Indian Ocean and remained pinned down on its beam-ends for the best part of 24 hours.

The Whitbread design team intends to devise a stronger stability rule for both the 60ft and 80ft classes and to set minimum construction standards. Mark Shrader, the American chairman of the BOC Challenge, accepts these criticisms. "Yes, the Fleury Michon episode has highlighted a stability problem which we have to address," he said.

"The concepts for the BOC and Whitbread 60ft boats are so close, we have a chance here to work together to develop an international rule that encompasses everyone's requirements."

Rob Humphreys, the designer of Lawrie Smith's Whitbread maxi, Rothmans, and a member of the Whitbread design committee, agrees. He said yesterday: "It is easy to fragment the sport with different rules. What we must aim to do is consolidate on a universal rule. I would like to see the parameters laid down for exciting lightweight yachts at 40ft, 50ft, 60ft and 80ft lengths that can be integrated over a period to replace the existing international offshore rule."

Philippe Briand, the French designer of Patrick Tabarly's Division 3 Whitbread leader, L'Esprit de Liberté, and Poupon's ill-fated Fleury Michon, agrees.

Writing in the latest issue of *Seahorse*, the specialist ocean-racing magazine, he has called for the homogenization of the world's ocean racing fleet so that future Whitbread boats can race in other events to justify their cost. The kind of boat he wants is similar to the present open BOC 60-footers, along with an 80ft version. He suggests that all yachts should undergo a practical knock-down test.

Guy Ribadeau-Dumas, the designer of Alain Gabbay's ultra-light Whitbread maxi, Charles Jourdan, who has also drawn the lines of two previous BOC race-winners, is not convinced. He suggests the BOC rule results in ugly boats with plum bows and ridiculously low freeboards.

He is concerned that, if the rule remains unchecked, it will result in extreme boats that are will be difficult to sail, expensive and fragile — the exact opposite to what the Whitbread skippers have called for.

Humphreys suggests that the new yachts would displace 25 per cent less than Steinlager's 70,000lb weight, require a crew of nine instead of 15, and result in a 20 per cent saving in the £3 million campaign costs. Most important, these new boats will be fast, capable of setting average speeds in excess of 15 knots to challenge the clipper records set a century ago.

The Whitbread race has done much to publicize the sport. Now this design inititive could have an even greater impact on the the racing world, leading to the adoption of a new international design rule that should be accepted throughout the world, not just for one race held every four years.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Davies is given his chance as a centre

By Peter Ward

THE former Welsh rugby union international, Jonathan Davies, of Widnes will start his first international in the professional code when he leads four new caps into the meeting with Papua New Guinea on Sunday.

Malcolm Reilly, the team coach, is confident enough of his abilities to put him in at centre, a position he has openly bid for, but has generally been denied, at his home club.

His fellow newcomers are: Lee Jackson, of Hull, who is preferred to the Wigan hooker, Martin Dermott, after his outstanding display on Wednesday in the second tour game; Paul Eastwood, Jackson's club colleague, and one of only three players to have started in both the games so far, scoring two tries in the first and kicking four goals in the second; and Bobby Goulding, of Wigan, who seemed to have lost his chance with a slight hamstring strain that limited his training.

His selection is a setback for Derick Fox, of Featherstone Rovers, who looked poised, after a busy performance on Wednesday, to return to the international side.

Garry Schofield was expected to partner Davies at centre, after scoring three tries from that position in the game last Sunday, but he has been moved to stand-off half, where he has played a number of games for Leeds this season. This is the result of Reilly's feeling that Graham Steadman and Daryl Powell, his preferred choices, have not entirely succeeded on tour so far.

Powell will start the Test at centre, but Steadman must take his chance among the four substitutes, only two of whom will play.

Alan Tait, of Widnes, is the only player in the side not to have had a run in either of the preliminary games. He has been nursed along by the coaches and medical staff in an effort to protect a pelvic strain, which is the legacy of a strenuous season in England.

He says that he is still not quite sure that he will stand up to match pressure, but is willing to take the chance.

Papua New Guinea have been making week-long preparations in the venue town of Goroka, which is 4,000-feet up in the Papuan highlands. Britain will find them a tough, well-organised outfit, ready to spring a surprise on a British side many of whose members still have to prove themselves fully at international level.

TEAM: A Tait (Widnes); P Eastwood (Hull), J Davies (Widnes), D Powell (Sheffield E), C Gibson (Leeds); G Schofield (Leeds), B Goulding (Wigan); R Powell (Leeds), L Jackson (Hull), P Dixon (Leeds), D Betts (Wigan), K Fairbank (Bradford N), M Gregory (Warrington, captain). Substitutes: G Steadman (Castleford), D Fox (Featherstone R), K England (Castleford), P Clarke (Wigan).

Welsh trio to return to the Principality

VETCH Field, the home ground of Swansea City FC, will stage next season's Charity Shield, sponsored by CIS Insurance, at 2.15pm on August 19 (Keith Macklin writes).

The match, between the premiership holders, Widnes, and the Silk Cut Challenge Cup winners, Wigan, will see Jonathan Davies, John Devereux and Paul Moriarty return to South Wales, wearing the colours of Widnes.

David Howes, the league's public affairs executive, said: "Rugby league has taken off so spectacularly in recent years, particulary with the expansion of nationwide television coverage, that we feel this is the right time to play one of our major fixtures in South Wales as a promotion exercise and to give Welsh followers of the game an opportunity to see the two best league teams."

ATHLETICS

Bedford prepares to gamble home for Meadowbank

By Steve Acteson

DAVID Bedford made the ultimate commitment to one of Britain's most famous events yesterday when he said he was prepared to mortgage his home to raise the £65,000 required to ensure that the International Athletes Club's grand prix meeting at the Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh will go ahead on July 6 even if it still lacks a sponsor.

Bedford, now 40, and who lives in Berehamwood, Hertfordshire, has unsuccessfully sought a sponsor since Miller Lite ended their four-year association last year even though the meeting is guaranteed two hours of coverage on Independent Television and an hour in the United States on a cable channel.

Bedford, the former 10,000 metres world record-holder, said that this year's meeting was guaranteed but unless sponsorship of around £130,000 a year could be found it would thereafter lose its status as part of the Mobil Grand Prix series, which will be reduced from 17 to 15 meetings next season.

A figure of £180,000 is guaranteed from television and £25,000 from Edinburgh District Council. Gate receipts and revenue from perimeter advertising and the like will be the other income for a meeting which last year cost almost £500,000.

Bedford said: "We have a secured income so far of £350,000 but we still need the funds provided by a title sponsor. Sixty-five thousand pounds will enable us to fulfil the requirements of the Grand Prix and satisfy television, who are extremely supportive."

Bedford, who ran in the first IAC meeting in 1968, said: "I believe the meeting is essential to the future of British athletics and if the money cannot be found I will personally put in the £65,000 needed. If need be, I will mortgage my home or take out a loan against it."

The IAC, whose only other revenue is some £2,500 a year from subscriptions, spends the surplus from the meeting in providing athletes with medical support, and funds for warm weather training.

Bedford said he had "swallowed his pride" in talking to the Amateur Athletic Association treasurer, John Lister, to try and devise a rescue package for the games but said the AAA's demands, which included Bedford only being allowed to promote events in the United Kingdom with their permission, were "unacceptable".

This year's meeting is already guaranteed one absorbing encounter when the Olympic 1,500 metres silver medal winner, Peter Elliott, will race the Somalian world champion, Abdi Bile, over 1,000 metres.

Bedford is not the only one to be feeling the financial pinch. For although the AAA and the British Amateur Athletic Board will pay £450,000 in appearance money this season, £50,000 more than last year, the money will this time also cover foreign athletes and involves four meetings compared to five last year.

Three years ago such leading athletes as Steve Cram were earning £15,000 a meeting but from now on the top fee will be $10,000 per event down through nine categories to $150.

Get-together urged

The British Board's reaction was to urge Bedford to return to the negotiation table. "It's totally undesirable that he should sacrifice his home and family for the sake of sport and I hope he doesn't go down that road," Tony Ward, board spokesman, said.

"I understand Dave's commitment, but it's ludicrous that someone should have to go to those extremes. With all the money that's coming into the sport at the moment, it should not be necessary. I hope we can all get back to the negotiation table, and it would be beneficial if a small team from the sport and from the IAC could put aside any personality clashes and sort out the problem."

Winning his water wings

JULIAN HERBERT

IN his element: water skiing was the best alternative Mick Bronson could find to keep his nine-year-old son, Shawn, off the streets of their home town of Faversham, Kent (a Special Correspondent writes). He could not have foreseen that within a decade his son (above) would be a British overall and trick champion and be competing in the world's top events.

"It was good fun to begin with but when I started to win all of the club events I got a lot more serious about the sport," Shawn Bronson relates. "I had a couple of setbacks in the beginning. My father took me down to Thorpe Park so Paul Seaton, the one-time European champion, could see if I showed promise.

"We didn't hear anything from him and I was so disheartened that I nearly gave up. Then a friend suggested going to Ruislip Lido. Paul Addlington, the coach, took an interest and introduced me to John Battleday for some training. From then on I really started making headway."

Having collected second in the slalom event and third in the jump competition at the Carlsberg European Masters' last year, Bronson is determined to do even better at the event this weekend in Lincoln.

He spent the winter in Florida training and has just returned from the States with an American bride. Bronson stands a better-than-average chance of winning the slalom title in the absence of the slalom champion, John Battleday, who is unfit to compete owing to an eye injury.

BASEBALL

Academic honours for an inspirational figure

By Robert Kirley

JOE DiMaggio, heir to Babe Ruth, flourished with the New York Yankees before and after the Second World War. Last week he received an honorary doctorate from Columbia University, the Big Apple's seat of Ivy League learning. The citation described DiMaggio as "the sports figure whose achievement inspires everyone's admiration and respect and excites us all to excel".

How true. It must be said, however, that even in his day, his stature was not universally appreciated. DiMaggio was briefly married to Marilyn Monroe in the mid-1950s. When she returned from a celebrity-studded Christmas tour of military camps, Mrs DiMaggio gushed: "Everywhere we went, there were 50,000 people cheering and hollering for me. You have no idea what it was like."

Joltin' Joe replied softly: "Yes, I do."

Rick Dempsey heard the applause this week when he hit two lead-off home runs to help the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Dempsey, whose big-league career began shortly after Nixon moved into the White House, has batted only occasionally this season.

The next night, Rod Booker hit a bases-loaded triple with two out in the eleventh inning as the Phillies beat the Dodgers 15-12. The game lasted 4hr 50min and featured 42 players (seven pitchers for each team) and 39 base hits. Garry Templeton hit a grand slam home run to lead the San Diego Padres 6-3 past the New York Mets. Frank Viola, the losing pitcher, had won seven previous decisions.

Bobby Witt, of the Texas Rangers, must have thought he was pitching batting practice for the Baltimore Orioles when they hit a record-equalling eight consecutive singles and built a seven-run first-inning advantage into a 13-1 victory.

Dave Stewart, of Oakland, became the American League's first seven-game winner in a 9-1 victory over Milwaukee, and Cecil Fielder, of Detroit, increased his home run total to 17, the best in the major leagues.

ROWING

Heavyweights abroad

BRITAIN will be one of 25 nations competing in the three-day Essen Regatta starting on the Valdeneysee today (Mike Rosewell writes).

The British men's heavyweight squad will be represented by 10 crews, including many of the successful 1989 world championships contingent. With Steven Redgrave and Simon Berrisford not competing, the coxless pair slot is being filled by the former internationals, Jonathan Singfield and Jonathan Hulls. Guy Pooley, of Cambridge, will be the single sculler.

EQUESTRIANISM

King James is next in line

By Jenny MacArthur

MARY Thomson, a member of the long list for the forthcoming world championships in Stockholm, will be attempting a third win in the Polly Peck International Windsor Three-Day Event, which begins today in Windsor Great Park.

Despite the firm ground, Windsor has had little difficulty in attracting the leading names. On the long list of competitors are Virginia Leng, the world champion, who will be riding at Windsor for the first time, Rodney Powell and Karen Straker.

Thomson, who earned her place on the long list after finishing third on King Boris at Badminton, won Windsor in 1987 and again last year on King Max. This weekend she will ride the eight-year-old King James and the nine-year-old The Legislator — both of which look set to give her a better ride than she had on King Samuel earlier this week in the Punchestown Three-Day Event in Ireland, where she had to retire on the cross-country section.

King James was off for most of last year after sustaining a minor leg injury during the Breda event in The Netherlands. The rest has evidently done him no harm for he has been placed at all his one-day horse trials in his build-up to Windsor. The Legislator is a more experienced horse and Miss Thomson is hoping to improve on his performance last year at Windsor, when he was second after the cross country but dropped to twelfth place after knocking down three fences in the show jumping.

The British riders face a strong New Zealand entry headed by Andrew Nicholson, the winner at Punchestown, who is riding his younger horses, Courtown and Commissar.

Because of the firm ground the speed on the steeplechase phase has been reduced. But the organizers are confident that the cross country will ride well for there is a good covering of grass and the take-off and landing sides of the fences have been harrowed.

The Princess Royal, the president of the trials, said before embarking on an official visit to the Soviet Union that Windsor had responded well to similar conditions in the past.

More than 200 riders are competing in the event, which also includes the British Junior championship. It begins today with the dressage.

TRIATHLON

Place in Florida beckons winners

By a Special Correspondent

MORE than 600 entries have been received for the first important event of the season, the All Abroad Triathlon, which will be held at Cotswold Water Park, Swindon, on Sunday.

Competition should be intense, with the first two in each age group gaining automatic selection for the world championships, which take place in Florida in September.

The leading women, including most of the British squad, set off first at 7am. The battle for honours and prizes — which include a trip to the Eilat Triathlon in Israel later this year — should be between Sarah Springman, Jenny Webb, Sally Ikin, and the New Zealander, Jenny Rose, who won in Bath last weekend.

Others hoping to cause an upset include Melissa Watson, the former national 3,000 metre athletics champion, and the Canadian, Catherine Davies, who is returning after injury.

The elite men go off in the last of four waves, at 10.30am, and a close contest looks likely between Jonathan Ashby and Richard Hobson, who was beaten by a margin of just one second at Bath. Two others hoping to make an impression are the Olympic swimmer, Robin Brew, and Julian Jenkinson. Jack Maitland, of Scotland, who is better known for fell running and other endurance events, is also in the field. The event is over the international distance of a 1.5km swim, 40km bike ride and 10km run.

Sarah Coope, of Britain, misses the event for the second race of the European circuit at Geel, while Glenn Cook, Britain's best male triathlete, is competing in an invitational event in Peking.

BADMINTON

Women carry England's medal hopes

From Richard Eaton
NAGOYA, JAPAN

IT IS important for the game's health in England that the suggestions of a revival in last month's European championships in Moscow be continued in the Thomas and Uber Cup world team finals which start here today.

In Moscow, Steve Baddeley unexpectedly won the men's singles and Fiona Smith came within a point of the women's title, although Smith may have the greater hope of tangible reward this time, for England's women have been quietly fancying their chances of upsetting the seedings, which say they will not qualify from their group for the semi-final stages.

"If we play really well we have a chance," Nora Perry, the former world doubles champion, said. She has been called in to coach the squad in a Uber Cup final for the first time.

Her view has been made all the more realistic by the news that the fourth-seeded Danes are without both the European champion, Pernille Nedergaard, who is injured, and her predecessor, Kirsten Larsen, who has retired, as well as three of their lesser lights. So if England produce their best form they should certainly be able to qualify.

The men have the same three countries, Indonesia, Denmark and Japan, in their group but probably only have realistic chances against Japan.

However, the acting manager, Ciro Ciniglio, is determined that the pride which was rediscovered in Moscow be shown again here, as a stepping stone in the rebuilding process.

ENGLAND TEAMS (probable): Thomas Cup: S Baddeley, D Hall, S Butler, N Ponting, D Wright, C Hunt, M Brown. Uber Cup: F Smith, H Troke, J Muggeridge, G Clark, G Gowers, J Munday, C Johnson.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Spartans fight back to preserve unbeaten run

By Richard Wetherell

THE National Division Managers Association (NDMA) programme reaches its halfway stage this weekend, with only Manchester Spartans boasting a 4-0 record. They have a week off from the league, taking on Amsterdam Crusaders in a Eurobowl qualifying match tomorrow instead.

Spartans continued their unbeaten run with a 42-28 victory over London Olympians, having struggled initially and trailed 12-0. After the lead had changed hands several times during the second half, Spartans recovered to edge ahead 29-28, but were still in danger of losing their 100 per cent record when they were rescued by Brown, who added two touchdowns to the 96-yard one he had scored earlier.

The Crusaders, who had previously sent two scouts from Amsterdam to watch the Spartans in action, will be hoping to continue the run of success they have enjoyed against British sides in the competition. Terry Smith, the Spartans coach, may have to leave himself out because European rules allow only two American players.

In the NDMA, Glasgow Lions lost for the first time, to the Birmingham Bulls, 48-26. The Bulls ran for 316 yards, Williams and King both rushing for more than 100 yards and a touchdown, but passed for only 74 yards. The Lions meet Northampton Storms on Sunday, and will hope to break their unbeaten record. Storms beat London Ravens 41-21 last week, with Atlas missing a notable double by one yard. He caught for 109 yards, but could only manage 99 rushing.

Leeds Cougars, fresh from a 33-2 victory over Fylde Falcons in which Thomas ran for 262 yards and two touchdowns, face their former coach, Chuck Brogdon, now of the Bulls. Brogdon was sacked at the end of last season, despite taking the Cougars to the semi-finals of the Budweiser championship. His replacement, Dan Moore, heads a side that was one of only two British teams to beat the Bulls in the regular season last year.

SWIMMING

Palmer strikes gold

PAUL Palmer, of Lincoln, took England's first gold medal at the World Schools Games in Bruges yesterday, with victory in the 400 metres freestyle in 4min 04.32sec (Craig Lord writes).

Adam Ruckwood added to the medal tally with a silver in the 100 metres backstroke, and bronze in the 200 metres event. Gillian Cook was second in the 400 metres freestyle, while Ian Swift and Simon Handley won bronze medals in the 200 metres breaststroke and 100 metres backstroke respectively. Emma Tattum was disqualified for a faulty turn in the 200 metres backstroke after qualifying fastest for the final.

RESULTS: Boys: 400m freestyle: 1, P Palmer (Eng), 4min 04.32sec. 100m backstroke: 1, D Buyuntuncu (Tur), 59.71sec; 2, A Ruckwood (Eng), 1:00:69; 3, S Handley (Eng), 1:00:94. 200m breaststroke: 1, F Teburtsgrev (Bel), 2:28:09; 3, I Swift (Eng), 2:29:29. 200m backstroke: 1, D Buyuntuncu (Tur), 2:08:42; 3, A Ruckwood (Eng), 2:12:59. Girls: 400m freestyle: 1, Z Antonelli (It), 4:25:46; 2, G Cook (Eng), 4:26:66.

MOTOR RACING

Senna strolls with ease to masterful early lead

By John Blunsden, Monaco

THERE were moments of extreme satisfaction yesterday afternoon, first for Jean Alesi, the young maestro of the Tyrrell team, and then for the indomitable Derek Warwick, the leader of the Camel-Lotus team, as each in turn found himself at the top of the list of qualifiers for the Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday.

But even as they enjoyed their temporary elevation to the front of the starting grid, Ayrton Senna was strolling towards his Marlboro McLaren-Honda. Taking his time, he climbed aboard, had his safety harness fastened and slipped on his helmet, fired up his engine and headed for the pit exit.

Alesi had lapped in 1min 24.162sec, to which Warwick had responded with 1:24.07. Two minutes later Senna began his first flying lap. It lasted just 1:21.877. Any thoughts that his mastery of the technique of race qualification was being seriously challenged were effectively laid to rest.

During the remainder of the hour-long session, no other driver broke 1:23, but just to confirm that his first effort was no fluke, Senna went out again with 10 minutes to go and shaved almost a tenth of a second off his earlier time, which he reduced to 1:21.797, despite twice locking up wheels on successive corners. He thought that otherwise a "21½" lap had been on the cards.

It was a breath-taking performance on this circuit. "If you are going for a fast time, you are bound to be shaving the barriers," Senna said. "You have to apply your judgement and capitalize on it."

Alesi improved to 1:23.372 in his Tyrrell-Ford, leading the Pirelli challenge to the dominant Goodyear teams, but Berger's 1:23.001 has ensured that the two red and white McLarens have taken up their customary positions at the front of the provisional grid, with Prost leading the Ferrari attack from fourth place.

Mansell, who chose to use just one set of qualifying tyres and one of soft race rubber on his Ferrari, was thwarted by having to pass three cars in the tunnel and is only tenth at present, although he was satisfied with the race set-up of his car. "If I can climb a few places up the grid on Saturday we could be in good shape," he suggested.

Earlier, however, he had been far from content when, during the preliminary practice, trouble with the transmission on his spare car had put him into the wrong gear at the Casino Square and flung him into the barriers.

The Canon-Williams team still has some work to do to lessen its cars' understeer and to find some more grip, but Boutsen, in fifth position, and Patrese, the winner at Imola, in eighth, are still capable of giving Renault their first success at Monaco on Sunday.

Martini suggested before qualifying that his chipped ankle was "about 70 per cent" following his accident at Imola. Nevertheless, he put his Minardi-Ford in sixth place on the provisional grid, despite the handicap.

Warwick ran into traffic problems, then had an oil leak which lubricated his rear tyres, so he was unable to improve on his earlier time, which left him seventh in the list.

Warwick and Donnelly, however, are encouraged by the progress being made by the Lotus team. The fund of knowledge about Monaco which their boss, Tony Rudd, has carried with him since his days with BRM, who were almost unbeatable here, is clearly paying a dividend this weekend, despite the changes in technology.

David Brabham tried hard to qualify in his Brabham-Judd, but two broken drive-shaft joints left him on the sidelines and he ran out of time. "There's always Saturday," he said, with a refreshing touch of optimism. Fortunately, like last year, 26 cars will be allowed to start on Sunday instead of the 20-car limit enforced for so many years, and it could make all the difference for Sir Jack's youngest son.

PRACTICE TIMES IN MONACO

FIRST SESSION: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1min 21.797sec (average speed 146.470 kph); 2, G Berger (Austria), McLaren, 1:23.001; 3, J Alesi (Fr), Tyrrell, 1:23.372; 4, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari, 1:23.448; 5, T Boutsen (Bel), Williams, 1:23.936; 6, P Martini (It), Minardi, 1:24.012; 7, D Warwick (GB), Lotus, 1:24.070; 8, R Patrese (It), Williams, 1:24.179; 9, N Larini (It), Ligier, 1:24.206; 10, N Mansell (GB), Ferrari, 1:24.633; 11, M Donnelly (GB), Lotus, 1:24.724; 12, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 1:24.766; 13, N Piquet (Br), Benetton, 1:25.273; 14, P Alliot (Fr), Ligier, 1:25.367; 15, E Bernard (Fr), Lola, 1:25.398; 16, S Modena (It), Brabham, 1:25.485; 17, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell, 1:25.579; 18, O Grouillard (Fr), Osella 1:25.785; 19, A de Cesaris (It), Dallara, 1:25.849; 20, A Nannini (It), Benetton 1:25.926; 21, G Follmi (Switz), Onyx, 1:26.183; 22, P Barilla (It), Minardi 1:26.352; 23, A Caffi (It), Arrows, 1:26.520; 24, R Moreno (Br), Eurobrun, 1:26.604; 25, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House, 1:26.943; 26, I Capelli (It), Leyton House 1:26.969; 27, A Suzuki (Japan), Lola, 1:27.193; 28, M Alboreto (It), Arrows, 1:27.282; 29, J J Lehto (Fin), Onyx, 1:27.923; 30, D Brabham (Aus), Brabham, 1:28.339.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
One-day international
10.45, 55 overs
THE OVAL: England v New Zealand

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Kent
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex
LORD'S: Middlesex v Surrey
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Sussex

Tour match
11.0, 104 overs minimum
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Zimbabweans

Other matches
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Gloucestershire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Leicestershire
EUROPEAN CRICKETER CUP (Guernsey).
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Heanor: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire; Brentwood: Essex v Kent; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex; Guildford: Surrey v Glamorgan; Moseley: Warwickshire v Yorkshire; Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Hampshire.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Provident League (Cardiff).
GOLF: English women's championship (Ryal); WPGA European Tour Classic (Tytherington); Irish women's championship (The Island); Tillman Trophy (Royal Porthcawl); Volvo PGA Championship (Wentworth).
MODERN PENTATHLON: National Women's championships: Fencing (9.45); Swimming (7.0pm) (Wentworth Recreation Centre).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Belle Vue v Bradford; Oxford v Cradley Heath. National League: Glasgow v Arena Essex. Individual meeting (Hackney). Four team tournament: Peterborough v Long Eaton v Middlesbrough v Stoke.

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: Screensport 11.45am-1.15pm: Invitation tournament from Los Angeles: Eurosport 6-7pm: IAAF Grand Prix from Sao Paulo, Brazil.
BASKETBALL: Eurosport 9-10.30pm: American league: Play-offs.
BOWLS: Eurosport 8.30-10am: World Indoor Championships from Preston.
CRICKET: BSB 8-9.30pm: Texaco One-day International: Highlights of England v New Zealand from the Oval.
EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 10.45-11.45am: Windsor Horse Show.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 12-1pm: World Cup preview: Screensport 10.30pm-midnight: Argentinian league.
GOLF: Eurosport 3-5pm, 12-2am (tomorrow) and BSB 9.30-10pm: Volvo PGA Championship from Wentworth.
GYMNASTICS: Eurosport 5-6pm: Women's European championships from Athens.
HANDBALL: Eurosport 11am-midday: World championship from Helsinki.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 7.30-10pm: Highlights of the Stanley Cup: BSB 11pm-midnight: American league: play-offs.
MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport 10.30-11am.
MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 9.30-10.30am: Moto cross.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 0-9am and 6.30-7.30pm: World rally championships: Corsican Rally, and Formula 3000 from Silverstone: BSB 6.30-7.30pm: 'On Four Wheels': Eurosport 9-10.30pm: Formula One: Monaco Grand Prix.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 3.15-5.15pm.
RACING: Screensport 9-9.30am and 10-10.30pm: Friends Bassaw: BSB 1.30-2 and 10-10.30pm: Racing news.
SPEEDWAY: Screensport 7-8am and 12-1am (tomorrow): National rounds from Denmark and Sweden.
SPORTSDESK: BSB 1.25, 6.0, 7.30, 10.30 and midnight.
SQUASH RACKETS: Eurosport 1-2pm: Welsh Open from Cardiff.
TENNIS: Eurosport 2-3 and 10.30pm-midnight: Lufthansa Cup from Berlin and Dutch Women's Tournament from Ede: BSB 2-5pm: World Team Cup from Düsseldorf.
TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 5.15-6pm: British Matchplay.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

NEWQUAY SURFING CLASSIC: In recognition of the increasing importance of this event within the European circuit, the European Professional Surfing Association (EPSA) has included the Fistral Beach tournament as a grand prix tour fixture for the first time.

Carwyn Williams, European champion and three times winner of the Newquay Classic, is eminently capable of achieving a fourth victory, but with the Australian national amateur champion, John Mills, and his fellow countryman, Jeremy Byles, also entered, competition for first place will be fierce. Also competing is Russell Winter, aged 14, the youngest ever European junior champion.

The event, which starts tomorrow (8am-5pm) with the first round trials, continues with the second round on Sunday (8-4.30), and finishes after the final on Monday (9-3.30).

HOW TO GET THERE: Newquay is situated on the north coast of Cornwall, and is reached by taking the Exeter turn-off of the M5 onto the A30 Oakhampton Road. The A30 then passes Bodmin, from where Newquay is clearly signposted. Fistral Beach is the west facing beach of the town. Viewing is free, but with 1,000 custom cars attending a rally held in conjunction with the surfing, parking may well be a problem.

Competitive line-up for fourth running of *The Times* Championship final at Towcester today

PHIL O'BRIEN

Isobel Dady with Eastern Chant, a leading contender for today's final of *The Times* Championship at Towcester

Dady stands by her superstition

By Alix Ramsay

WHATEVER happens today in today's final of *The Times* Championship at Towcester, one thing is certain: Isobel Dady is in no danger of losing her shirt.

Not only is she the owner and trainer of the probable favourite, Eastern Chant, but she never bets on her own horses. It is the only superstition that this very level-headed lady will admit to.

"I think you've got to be down to earth about the whole thing," she said. "I do look at the form, but I'm not afraid of anybody in the race. I think if they are all there to win, then everybody is taking a chance so I never commit myself on the result."

She will not be drawn on the possible outcome. The most she will say is: "Eastern Chant is a game little horse, game to give it a go. If he stands up over the 18 fences then he stands a good chance."

At 15.3 hands high and eight years old, Eastern Chant is a small but sparky soul. "He's a real character," said Dady. "He's got a big heart. If they're going to do the job they've got to enjoy it and they've got to want to do it. He's full of beans all the time."

Dady and Eastern Chant go back a long way. Bred from one of her own broodmares, she tried him with some success over hurdles as a three-year-old while, as a six-year-old, he qualified for Towcester but did not run. Whatever the challenge Dady has set before him, he has done her proud.

"He's always been the same and I've always hung on to him," she said. "He has a fair turn of foot and he hunts very well. Some of the thoroughbreds and point-to-pointers are hopeless, but I think hunting keeps them sweet and teaches them a lot."

However, Eastern Chant's progress over the last couple of years has been hindered by injury and a spell of mixed form. Last season he was out of action after kicking himself and injuring a blood vessel while this season saw him have a fairly miserable start.

"He was just wrong," said Dady. "Maybe it was a touch of virus. I don't know, but he has got better. I ran him at Sandon and he won by 20 lengths so I took him to Southwell to see how he coped with bigger fences and he came second. If he's not fit now, he never will be."

Originally from Shropshire, 34-year-old Dady has spent her whole life around horses and has been training her own point-to-pointers for the last three years. But this is the first season she has had as many as four of her own horses in training at her own stables, a situation that was forced upon her.

"We took on a farm here in Warwickshire a year ago," she said. "Coming to a new area there was no chance to get liveries so I did it all myself. But that's the great satisfaction with point-to-point — you are doing it yourself."

All her horses have won this year and Dady did have another qualifier for the final in the six-year-old, Crossfire. "She's won twice this season," she said. "But she's done enough and I think it is a little hard to ask her to go round a hard course like Towcester. It's a stayers' course."

So with Eastern Chant and Crossfire already proving themselves and with stable companions Griffeeds and Sound And Rhythm as hopes for the future, things are looking good for Dady. "There is a lot of luck in this business and I've been lucky this year," she said. "I just hope that next season I can improve."

Eastern Chant boasts the best credentials

By Brian Beel

THE TIMES Point-to-point Championship

EASTERN Chant, who has good form under Rules and in point-to-points, is a confident choice to land the fourth running of *The Times* Championship final at Towcester this afternoon.

Following the recent dry spell, the going will be firm but a watering system has been installed at the Northamptonshire track since last year's final, which has helped ensure a competitive field of 10.

Today's final is the culmination of qualifying races run in each of the 14 point-to-point areas in the home countries. Eastern Chant is one of only three that have had experience of the stiffer regulation fences this season and he went well until blundering at the last when a creditable eight-length second to the talented Teaplanter at Southwell at the end of last month.

In that race, **Politburo**, who has subsequently finished second in a novice hunter chase over this course, was well behind when unseating his rider at the last.

Another well held by Eastern Chant is **Ahalin**, whose best performance this season was when 20 lengths behind him in *The Times* qualifier at Sandon last month.

Crush On You, who won his qualifier at the Enfield Chace, always puts in his best at the end of the race. The decision of his owner, Ken Clutterbuck, who normally rides him, to engage the talented Tim Moore is significant but he still has a bit to find on the form book to pose any serious threat.

Pendle Royal, now 14, has not fared better than third this season in fairly moderate events and it would be a surprise if he finished in the frame.

The same remark applies to **Island Wonder**, one of three Welsh challengers, who has disappointed since winning a maiden at Howick.

Spartan Lemon, another of the Welsh raiders, returns for the race for which she was favourite last year. Unfortunately she does not seem to have made much progress in the intervening period and, having been beaten 20 lengths by Radio Cue last time out, is not supported by any good recent form.

Best of the Welsh, who won the first two runnings of this race with Sea Express (1987) and St Helens Boy (1988), may be **West Palm Beach**.

He was not inconvenienced by hard going when winning a match last time out and had previously beaten some good horses when second to Zabarucci in the Pentyrch qualifier.

Millstreak stayed on strongly when winning at both Ottery St Mary and Higher Kilworthy, a quality that will stand him in good stead up the demanding Towcester hill. He should go very close but, nevertheless, looks to be held by Eastern Chant.

One who starts with an advantage over the others is **Hawksmoor**, being the only one professionally trained. This is only allowed because he is owned by the trainer, John Edwards.

Hawksmoor's best outing was his last when he rallied on the run-in, after looking beaten, to land the qualifier at the Wheatland. Prior to that, however, he had run disappointingly at Carlisle and was in the rear when falling four fences from home.

To sum up then, Eastern Chant is my selection with Millstreak and West Palm Beach taken to follow him home.

● At the same time as *The Times* final is being run at Towcester, the Archibalds Guy Cunard Northern Point-to-Point Championship Hunter Chase will be decided at Sedgefield. Hellcatmudwrestler is the selection here to win from Up The Snicket.

Razeen Derby favourite as Rock Hopper has setback

RAZEEN is the new outright favourite for the Derby with Ladbrokes and Corals as the news emerged from Newmarket yesterday that Rock Hopper had missed his scheduled morning workout due to a slight setback.

Other Derby news yesterday centred around Khaled Abdulla, who could have as many as four runners in the June 6 classic, and Cash Asmussen, who has been booked by Barry Hills to ride his Dee Stakes winner, Blue Stag.

Rock Hopper, heavily-backed since winning the Calor Derby Trial at Lingfield earlier this month, was ante-post favourite for just 24 hours and is now 5-1 second favourite with Ladbrokes (from 4-1) behind Razeen, their 4-1 market leader.

Speaking from Newmarket yesterday, Michael Stoute said: "Rock Hopper had a minor problem but we believe he will be back under saddle and out on the heath again tomorrow."

Abdulla, who came closest to winning the race with the 1986 runner-up Dancing Brave, is likely to be reresented by Digression, Sanglamore, Quest For Fame, and possibly a pacemaker in Aromatic.

Guy Harwood said at Goodwood yesterday that Digression had shown no ill effects after his defeat in Wednesday's Predominate Stakes.

"Digression came out of the race really well and it will put him just right for the Derby. A good gallop round Epsom will be entirely different from the muddling race here," said the the Pulborough trainer.

"He'll handle Tattenham Corner well and any going will do. Epsom is a very different story from Goodwood," he added.

Digression is now a 16-1 chance for Epsom with Ladbrokes as Abdulla's main hopes have switched to the Roger Charlton-trained pair, Sanglamore and Quest For Fame.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, Abdulla's racing manager reported that the two Beckhampton challengers had "come out of their respective Derby trials in good form."

Defensive Play, well beaten by Rock Hopper in the Lingfield Derby Trial, having previously accounted for that colt in the *Guardian* Classic Trial, is unlikely to make the final line-up.

"Defensive Play developed ringworm around his face and neck soon after the Lingfield race and this may not be cleared up in time for Epsom," Pritchard-Gordon said. "Aromatic has been entered to ensure a strong pace, if required."

No decision has yet been made as to which of the Abdulla horses Pat Eddery will ride but the champion jockey is thought to favour Quest For Fame.

Corals also make Razeen clear favourite at 7-2 with Rock Hopper a 4-1 chance (from 3-1) and Linamix, heavily-backed yesterday, now 6-1 third favourite (from 10-1).

Hills have Razeen and Rock Hopper as 4-1 joint-favourites and then bet: 5-1 Digression (with a run), 7-1 Zoman, Linamix (from 8-1), 9-1 Blue Stag (from 10-1), 10-1 Sanglamore (with a run), 12-1 Quest For Fame, 14-1 others.

Hong Kong authorities refuse Waldron licence

PHILIP Waldron, who has ridden only six winners from 212 rides in Hong Kong this season, has been refused a licence to ride there next season by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club (RHKJC).

Waldron, barracked by the Happy Valley crowd after riding a second there on Wednesday — his 23rd runner up of the season — said: "I am very disappointed and cannot say anything more at the moment."

However, two new additions to the jockeys' ranks next season will be John Marthias and British-based South African Basil Marcus, who will ride for David Hill and Lam Hung-Fie respectively.

● The RHKJC has adjourned an inquiry into 71 alleged breaches of the rules by Gary Moore. Moore's London-based lawyers have lodged an application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council and the application will be heard on July 4. If this fails, the RHKJC will reconvene the inquiry as soon as possible.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.10 (7f) 1, DREAMAWHILE (R Cochrane, 10-1); 2, Recital (M Roberts, 2-1 fav); 3, Pure Green (S Cauthen, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Pomaranski (4th), 5 Maid of Honor, 12 Polly Muldowney (5th), 20 Anna Karietta (6th), 25 Dancer's First, 8 ran. NR: Castle Galah. 1½l, 4l, 1½l, 2l. D Wahwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £11.00; £2.00, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £12.30. CSF: £29.58. 1min 28.84sec.

2.40 (2m 50yd) 1, ALL IS REVEALED (L Dettori, 9-1); 2, Timeslice (S Cauthen, 11-2 jt-fav); 3, Androbeda (W Newnes, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Spanish Servant, 8 Senalta Bobkee, Prince Sobur, 10 Saxon Court (5th), 11 Northants, 12 Plausible (6th), The Refrigerator, 14 At Ascot, 20 Rashin (4th), 25 Coinage, 33 Predestine, 50 Lavrosky. 15 ran. NR: Genuine Gift. 1½l, 6l, 3l, 4l, 2½l. D Thom at Newmarket. Tote: £14.20; £4.30, £2.40, £4.80. DF: £38.80. CSF: £54.33. Tricast: £553.98. 3min 28.73sec.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, MOON CACTUS (S Cauthen, 5-4 fav; Princess Hamdiah Sultan's trip rating a Car Newmarket Screwdriver-driver's race); 2, Game Plan (M Roberts, 11-2); 3, Front Line Romance (W Carson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Native Guile, 11-2 Black Fighter (5th), 12 Helen's Guest (6th), 14 Ryalyrah (4th). 7 ran. NR: River Nomad. 1½l, 5l, sh hd, sh hd, 8l. R Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £3.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.37. 2min 09.34sec.

3.40 (5f) 1, JONDESE BOY (W Carson, 5-1; Mandarin's nap); 2, Love Legend (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 3, Micro Love (M Roberts, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Silca Supreme (5th), 5 Almost Blue, 7 Batzushka, 8 Ashtina, 10 Pussy Foot, 14 Divine Per (4th), 25 Sid Captain (6th). 10 ran. 4l, 3l, sh hd, hd, ¾l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £3.40, £2.20. DF: £29.80. CSF: £49.01. Tricast: £299.75. 56.31sec.

4.10 (6f) 1, GROOMBRIDGE (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav); 2, Prodigal Blues (M Hills, 11-2); 3, Peach N'Plum (B Rouse, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Zapped (4th), 12 Buckle Knight, 14 May River (6th), 16 Very Dicey (5th), 20 Rue de Cirque, 33 Sid The Manager, 50 Crash Bang Wallop, Green With Envy. 11 ran. 2½l, nk, 2l, sh hd, 3l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £10.30. CSF: £9.94. 1min 11.58sec.

4.45 (7f) 1, LAST BLESSING (W Ryan, 33-1); 2, Zamaze (M Roberts, 11-2); 3, Far From Home (S Cauthen, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Guessoaring, 9 Presiding (5th), 10 Hearthrug (6th), 33 Glenstal Priory, Little Kraker (4th), Magnetize, Norstock, Petivara. 11 ran. hd, sh hd, hd, ¾l, ¾l. P Harris at Berkhamsted. Tote: £46.30; £7.30, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £76.30. CSF: £179.17. 1min 27.22sec. Allow a Stewards' inquiry the result stands.

5.20 (6f) 1, ALCANDANCE (T Quinn, 4-1 fav); 2, Cobbleh (J Carter, 9-2); 3, Timberbird (M Tebbutt, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Mieka (4th), 8 Musical Flash (6th), 10 Darakah, 12 Glenstal Princess, Buffs Express, 14 Corrin Hill, 25 Royal Supreme, Tender Trail, My Ruby Ring (5th). 12 ran. ½l, 1l, sh hd, 1½l, ¾l. C James at Newbury. Tote: £4.80; £1.90, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £21.94. Tricast: £89.47. 1min 11.28sec.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £8,328.05 carried forward to Haydock today.

Placepot: £72.10.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm

2.25 (5f) 1, ALLINSON'S MATE (G Duffield, 6-5 fav); 2, Star Connection (D Nicholls, 7-1); 3, Twilight Please (K Darley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3-4 Sir Tasker, 14 Sweetings Pearl (4th), 33 Just John (5th), 50 Captain Kagar (6th). 7 ran. Hd, 2l, 2l, 1½l, 1½l. T Barron at Maunby. Tote: £2.20; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £4.70. CSF: £8.97. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

2.55 (7f) 1, THE DEVIL'S MUSIC (M Birch, 14-1); 2, Cool Enough (M A Giles, 9-2 fav); 3, Henry Will (A Mercer, 10-1); 4, Bold Habit (R Lappin, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Vickonda, 8 Spittin Mick, 12 My Lady Minstrel, 14 Predictable (5th), Jane's Brave Boy, 16 Nafisat (6th), Mine's A Double, 20 Firestream, Sally's Brother, Skipian Wood, Supreme Court, 25 Dam Inquisitive, Miss Knight, 33 Brack Loose, 50 Fiscale, Kartheser. 20 ran. 3l, ¾l, 1l, ¾l, 1½l. N Bycroft at Brandsby. Tote: £6.30; £1.30, £1.60, £2.80, £3.00. DF: £30.30. CSF: £73.49. Tricast: £825.09.

3.25 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, DEFICIT (R Hills, 85-40 fav); 2, Vestige (S Perks, 9-4); 3, Bold Street Blues (K Darley, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Dancers Widger, 11 Lightning Thunder (5th), Philippa's Heir (4th), 20 Luck O' The Irish (6th), 50 Liberto, Hillmoor Bella, Tempestosa. 10 ran. 2½l, 5l, 6l, 7l, 1½l. B Hills at Marton. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £7.25.

3.55 (5f) 1, LE CHIC (S Wood, 7-2); 2, Crakado (M Birch, 7-2); 3, North Of Watford (S Webster, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Halvoye (4th), 8 Highland Romance, 12 Lady Alone (6th), 16 Bella Sonita, Jive Music, 25 Mia Scintilla, Lady's Mantle (5th), 33 Kali Kopella. 11 ran. 1l, ¾l, hd, nk, nk. D Chapman at Sillington. Tote: £4.60; £1.30, £1.40, £4.50. DF: £5.40. CSF: £15.31. Tricast: £120.11.

4.25 (6f) 1, TIMELESS TIMES (A Munro, 11-10 jt-fav); 2, Half A Tick (J Fortune, 11-10 jt-fav); 3, Christian Lad (K Darley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100 Club The Ref (4th). 4 ran. 1l, 6l, 20l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.43.

4.55 (7f) 1, MOSCOW OVIANO (W R Swinburn, 5-6 fav); 2, Gypsy River (Dean McKeown, 5-2); 3, Vintage Type (J Lowe, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Pappagallo (5th), 12 Pure Class (4th), 33 Cumbrian Singer (6th), Scottish Reform, Bi Lucky Prince. 8 ran. NR: Dunmounin. 2½l, 2l, 1½l, 2½l, nk. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.40.

5.25 (1m 5f 180yd) 1, SWEET N' TWENTY (A Culhane, 11-2); 2, Windward Arrow (J Lowe, 4-1 fav); 3, Caspian Gates (J Quinn, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Turmenc, 6 Chantry Bertie, 9 Joe Bumpas, 10 Circuit Ring (4th), 14 Formation (5th), 20 Highland Park, 25 White Jasmin (6th), 50 Old Mother Goose, Campo, Qualitair Duchess. 13 ran. Nk, ¾l, 2l, 1½l, 6l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £10.70; £3.00, £3.10, £2.40. DF: £21.10. CSF: £26.41. Tricast: £115.73.

Placepot: £8.10.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL LINE-UP

3.45 TIMES CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (Final: amateurs: £1,843: 3m 190yd) (10 runners)

1 F-5526 AHALIN 27 (S) (Mrs H Clarke) Mrs H Clarke 8-12-0 ..... S Brookshaw (7) 93
(Brown, yellow striped sleeves, yellow cap, brown star)
2 -PP231 CRUSH ON YOU 18 (F,G) (K Clutterbuck) K Clutterbuck 9-12-0 ..... K Clutterbuck (7) 91
(Light blue, maroon sleeves, light blue and maroon cap)
3 063F12 EASTERN CHANT 18 (F,S) (Miss I Dady) Miss I Dady 8-12-0 ..... C Stockton (7) ● 99
(Yellow purple disc and spots on cap)
4 03-4F1 HAWKSMOOR 13 (B,F) (J Edwards) J Edwards 7-12-0 ..... Miss S Edwards (7) 95
(Yellow, red cross belts, purple and yellow hooped sleeves)
5 PU314P ISLAND WONDER 34 (F) (M Davies) M Davies 8-12-0 ..... T Jones (7) 90
(Red white sleeves, blue cap with red spots)
6 3P1131 MILLSTREAK 13 (F) (Miss A Ross) Miss A Ross 10-12-0 ..... I Hambly (7) 98
(White, black and red hooped sleeves, red cap)
7 /P3605 PENDLE ROYAL 13 (Mrs C Hirst) Mrs C Hirst 14-12-0 ..... R Taylor (7) 88
(Yellow, brown star, armlet and star on cap)
8 1U2U22 POLITBURO 9 (G) (T Normington) T Normington 10-12-0 ..... R Normington (7) 95
(Yellow, brown chevron and sleeves, brown and yellow check cap)
9 P23122 SPARTAN LEMON 18 (F,G) (D Llewellin) D Llewellin 7-11-9 ..... D Jones (7) 96
(Maroon, white crossbelts, dark green sleeves and cap)
10 3P-221 WEST PALM BEACH 20 (B,F) (L Harkins) L Harkins 8-11-9 ..... Mrs P Nash (7) 97
(Brown and maroon hoops, maroon sleeves and cap)

● Line under form figure denotes hunter chase form; remainder is point-to-points

BETTING: 7-4 Eastern Chant, 7-2 Politburo, 6-1 Spartan Lemon, 15-2 Hawksmoor, 8-1 Crush On You, 10-1 Millstreak, 14-1 Ahalin, 16 West Palm Beach, 20-1 Island Wonder, 33-1 Pendle Royal.

1989: DARAHEEN SNIPER 10-11-7 I Widdicombe (13-2) Miss A Howard-Chappell 6 ran

Form guide to the 10 contenders

AHALIN

Apr 28, Aintree, firm: 33½l 5th to Supreme Charter with Pendle Royal tailed off 13l away in 7th (3m, 14 ran).
Apr 14, Sandon, firm: see Eastern Chant.
Apr 7, Bitterley, good to firm: see Hawksmoor.

CRUSH ON YOU

May 7, Northaw, firm: went clear 2 out and eased run-in beating Military Merchant 1½l (3m, 4 ran).
Apr 28, Cottenham, firm: stayed on late to be 7l 3rd to Benbec (3m, 12 ran).
Apr 16, Marks Tey, good to firm: modest late progress to be 30l 2nd to Sproggy (3m, 7 ran).

EASTERN CHANT

Apr 27, Southwell, good to firm: (11-5) bad mistake last when 8l 2nd to Teaplanter with Politburo (11-5) tailed off when unseating rider last (3m, 10 ran).
Apr 14, Sandon, firm: stayed on strongly to beat Ahalin 15l (3m, 7 ran).
Apr 7, Gerthorpe, good to firm: fell 4th in race won by Lady Tild (3m, 16 ran).

HAWKSMOOR

May 12, Kingston Blount, good to firm: kept on to beat Tytherington 1l (3m, 6 ran).
Apr 16, Carlisle, good to firm: tailed off when fell 4 out in race won by Northern Meadow (3m 2f, 11 ran).
Apr 7, Bitterley, good to firm: stayed on late to be 6l 4th to Butterley Boy with Ahalin 12l away in 5th (3m, 11 ran).

ISLAND WONDER

Apr 21, Llanwit Major, good to firm: pulled up in race won by Golden Rambler (3m, 15 ran).
Apr 14, St Hilary, good to firm: 21l last of 4 to finish behind Fields Man (3m, 6 ran).
Apr 7, Howick, firm: drew clear to beat Deceptive Boy a distance (3m, 8 ran).

MILLSTREAK

May 12, Ottery St Mary, good to firm: soon in command easy 15l winner from Crickewood Chris (3m, 10 ran).
Apr 21, Flete Park, good: one paced 7½l 3rd to Bishopric (3m, 6 ran).
Apr 7, Higher Kilworthy, firm: stayed on under pressure to beat Late Session 1l when the pair 10l clear (3m, 9 ran).

PENDLE ROYAL

May 12, Wetherby, firm: soon struggling when distant 5th to Owd Henry (3m, 7 ran).
Apr 28, Aintree, firm: see Ahalin.
Apr 17, Flagg Moor, good: soon behind when distant 6th to Burnswark (3m, 8 ran).

POLITBURO

May 16, Cottenham, firm: soon beaten off when 15l 2nd of 2 finishers to Turn Blue (3m, 3 ran).
May 7, Towcester, firm: one-paced 10l 2nd of 2 finishers to Quick Advice (2m 5f 110yd, 6 ran).
Apr 27, Southwell, good to firm: see Eastern Chant.

SPARTAN LEMON

May 7, Resolven, hard: no impression on winner when 20l 2nd to Radio Cue (3m, 4 ran).
Apr 16, Lydstep, firm: trailed in a fence behind Timber Tool (3m, 3 ran).
Apr 5, Pantyderi, good to soft: drew clear to beat Willie Peep 12l (3m, 6 ran).

WEST PALM BEACH

May 5, Llanwit Major, hard: set slow pace ran on beating Little Herbert 2l in a match (3m).
Apr 21, Llanwit Major, good to firm: kept on too late to be 12l 2nd to Zabarucci (3m, 13 ran).
Apr 14, St Hilary, good to firm: not pace of winner on run-in when 3l 2nd to Lord Charles (3m, 4 ran).

Selection: EASTERN CHANT

Funambule proves too strong for Rock City

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

RICHARD Hannon's 2,000 Guineas fourth, Rock City (Bruce Raymond), was beaten half a length behind the French 2,000 Guineas third Funambule (Freddie Head) in the group three £20,894 Prix du Palais Royal (7f) at Longchamp yesterday (Thursday).

The Criquette Head-trained winner took up the running two furlongs out and was always holding the challenge of Rock City, who now goes for the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot on June 19.

Satin Wood, a group three winner at Milan earlier this month, has been supplemented by Henry Cecil at a cost of £5,359 for the Prix Jean Prat over an extended nine furlongs at Longchamp on Sunday.

Cecil and Sheikh Mohammed, who owns Satin Wood, may also be represented by Citidancer in the day's other group one contest, the Prix d'Ispahan, over the same trip.

Other acceptors for the Prix d'Ispahan are Guy Harwood's pair, Ile De Chypre and Gold Minories, and Rae Guest's filly, Aldbourne.

Leading the home defence here will be the André Fabre-trained Creator, who has gained impressive victories in the Prix d'Harcourt and Prix Ganay this season.

Nicholls banned

David Nicholls was suspended for three days (June 2-4) for improper riding and excessive use of the whip on Star Connection at Catterick yesterday.

Rejoneo to pay compliment to his Sandown conqueror

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

FOLLOWING Razeen's four-length victory in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood on Wednesday, **Rejoneo** now looks a sound bet to win the Makerfield Stand Opening Stakes at Haydock today and *he is my nap.*

Significantly, the John Gosden-trained colt was still among the 30 acceptors for this year's Derby after Tuesday's declaration stage.

Being by El Gran Señor, who was beaten a short head in the Derby before winning the Irish equivalent, and out of a mare by Giacometti who *was placed in the 2,000 Guineas* and St Leger, it could be said that Rejoneo has a pedigree suited to 1¼ miles or even further.

However, he has shown this spring that he has the right *blend of speed* and *stamina* to cope with today's extended mile.

First time out, at Newmarket, he was a respectable third over seven furlongs behind Lord Florey, who has always been held *in high* esteem by *Luca* Cumani, and Russian Frontier, who won next time out at Chester.

He then produced that fine run against Razeen at Sandown where he went under by a neck. Even allowing for the fact that he was getting 8lb, it was still a good performance in its context.

Abs and *Star Of The Future* were both deemed good enough to contest listed races as two-year-olds while Song *Of* Kings and I Perceive have already made an impression this spring. By winning easily at Beverley last time, Song Of Kings salvaged something from the wreckage of this year's Wood Ditton Stakes form.

Arguably, though, I Perceive did even better when only just caught by Ile De Roma in a 10-furlong race on today's track at the beginning of this month. Ile De Roma had run well at Newbury earlier to finish third behind the subsequent Chester Vase winner, Belmez.

Rejoneo's form still looks the better, though, and he looks the probable first leg of a double for George Duffield, who is taken to also win the Daresbury Handicap on Milligan.

At York eight days ago, there was much to like about the way that Milligan shaped when he finished fourth in the valuable limited handicap won by Power Take Off.

In the A-Plant Maiden Stakes, I rely on Lucky Guest who, although outclassed on his debut at Kempton by Theatrical Charmer, still finished in front of Hudson Bay Trader who, franked the form of the Kempton race by winning the Fairey Group Handicap at Haydock.

While a step up in distance may well enable Middle Kingdom to improve upon his rather disappointing efforts behind Mukddaam at Kempton and Eton Lad at Epsom, Lucky Guest has done nothing wrong.

At Pontefract this evening, I can pass on a strong tip from Newmarket for Bottles, trained by Geoff Huffer, in the George Farndon Handicap.

This American-bred three-year-old has twice run well this season and has recently been working most encouragingly with with his talented stable companion, Ile De Nisky.

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 2.30 Play The Blues. PONTEFRACT: 7.10 New Chandelier, 9.5 Hatta Fort.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 REJONEO (nap).
2.30 Matching Lines.
3.00 Milligan.
3.30 Lucky Guest.
4.00 Prohibition.
4.30 Maraatib.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Song Of Kings.
2.30 Iksab.
3.00 Milligan.
3.30 Cum Laude.
4.00 Doulab's Image.
4.30 Maraatib.

By Michael Seely
2.00 Rejoneo. 3.00 MILLIGAN (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. *The Times Private Handicapper's rating.*

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best**

2.0 MAKERFIELD STAND OPENING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,850: 1m 40yd) (5 runners)

101 (3) 315- ABS 231 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-4 .... R Hills 94
102 (1) 21 SONG OF KINGS 14 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-4 .... W R Swinburn 99
103 (4) 052-2 I PERCEIVE 20 (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 9-0 .... Dean McKeown ● 99
104 (3) 36-32 REJONEO 16 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 .... G Duffield 98
105 (2) 14- STAR OF THE FUTURE 209 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-13 .... Pat Eddery 99

BETTING: 15-8 Rejoneo, 5-2 Sport Of Kings, 4-1 I Perceive, 5-1 Star Of The Future, 8-1 Abs.

1989: DOUBLE ENCORE 9-0 J Reid (8-1) C Nelson 3 ran

FORM FOCUS ABS looked a useful prospect when beating Baraloti 5l at Leicester (7f, good) and was not disgraced in better company when a 5¾l 5th of 7 to useful Free At Last at Newmarket (7f, good).
SONG OF KINGS shaped with promise when a *beat* finishin 1½l 2nd to Tamono Dancer at Newmarket (1m, good to firm); latest not extended to beat Shewaji 7l in a weak Beverley (1m 100yd) maiden. I PERCEIVE shaped like a certain future winner when headed close home by Ile De Roma in a slowly run race here (1m 2f 130yd, firm). REJONEO lost nothing in defeat when beaten a head by Razeen (gave 8lb) in a Sandown (1m, good to firm) match having quickened nicely into the lead 1f out only to give best close home. STAR OF THE FUTURE beat Natzawa ½l on Leicester (7f, firm) debut and was possibly unsuited by the heavy ground when a 11½l 4th behind easy winner Berry's Dream at Newbury (7f).
Selection: REJONEO

2.30 WIGAN CHILDRENS WHEELCHAIR FUND CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,517: 6f) (13 runners)

201 (11) 40314- GREEN'S STUBBS 335 (D,BF,F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-4 T Quinn 97
202 (16) 163 IKSAB 30 (F) (A Foustok) R Boss 9-2 .... Pat Eddery 91
203 (4) 110-0 NORTH BASE 11 (D,F,G) (E Landi) J S Wilson 8-13 .... W R Swinburn —
204 (2) 0043- ALL NIGHT DELI 279 (R Jones) E Owen jun 8-8 .... G Carter 88
205 (20) 20-4 GREY WOLF 20 (Lord Carnarvon) R Williams 8-6 .... B Raymond 98
206 (1) 12030-0 TRIBAL LADY 6 (C,D,F,S) (M Pinto) M McCormack 8-6 .... J Reid 95
207 (19) 222212- ECHO PRINCESS 221 (F) (Liverpool Daily Post and Echo Ltd) J Berry 8-6 J Carroll 94
208 (18) 040- CROFT VALLEY 206 (Miss V Pratt) R Whitaker 8-5 .... W Carson 91
209 (12) 05100-0 HARTLEY 16 (G) (J Turney) T Fairhurst 8-5 .... N Carlisle 92
210 (7) 000-0 CORIO BAY 24 (C Johns) D Haydn Jones 8-3 .... G Baxter 78
211 (18) 04 NO DECISION 6 (C Spence) M W Easterby 8-3 .... K Darley —
212 (8) 00-50 PLAY THE BLUES 55 (G) (R Gowa) B Hanbury 8-3 .... Paul Eddery 93
213 (10) 00-0032 RAINBOW BRIDGE 10 (D,BF,F) (J Abell) P Felgate 8-3 .... M Roberts 90
214 (5) 00 CUT OUT 101 (Minizen Ltd) C Spares 8-1 .... A Proud —
215 (15) 0-04030 KUMADA 16 (G) (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 8-1 .... R Lappin (5) 92
216 (9) 00-0004 CLEAN AND POLISH 13 (P Oliver) G Lewis 8-0 .... Dale Gibson (3) 97
217 (14) 510-40 MATCHING LINES 9 (G) (Mrs H Meakin) Mrs J Ramsden 8-0 .... A Munro 97
218 (3) 44230-4 WESTERN MUSIC 36 (F) (Western Meeting Club) J S Wilson 8-0. T Williams ● 99
219 (21) 2000-04 FALCONS DAWN 11 (G) (A Stannard) M O'Neill 7-13 .... — 96
220 (22) 0- MIDWEST 298 (M Hill) D Chapman 7-12 .... S Wood (3) —
221 (17) 4000-04 MINSKIP MISS 30 (Don Enrico Incisa) Don Enrico Incisa 7-8 .... Kim Tinkler 89
222 (6) FOXY SUE (P Nicholson) D Chapman 7-7 .... —

BETTING: 4-1 Western Music, 5-1 Matching Lines, 11-2 Falcons Dawn, Iksab, 8-1 Tribal Lady, 10-1 Rainbow Bridge, 12-1 Echo Princess, Grey Wolf, Play The Blues, 14-1 All Night Deli, 20-1 others.

1989: PERCHING 8-8 S Perks (20-1) F Lee 12 ran

FORM FOCUS IKSAB kept on well under pressure to beat King Arbo ½l on Doncaster (7f, firm); latest 5l 3rd to progressive Norwich at Catterick (7f, firm). GREY WOLF shaped well on reappearance when a ¾l 4th in a blanket finish behind Khulum on Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
TRIBAL LADY scored here over 5f (soft) as a juvenile and shaped well before weakening in the final furlong when a 6¾l 7th to *Jazel* on Lingfield (7f, good to firm). ECHO PRINCESS was a model of consistency as a juvenile and gained a deserved success when beating Quinta Royale ½l at Warwick (5f, firm) in October. MATCHING LINES has been running well in better company and has strong claims off today's weight judged on 4½l 4th to El Arab at Pontefract (6f, firm).
WESTERN MUSIC holds ECHO PRINCESS on their running behind Tauvil at Ayr (6f, heavy) last term and has more realistic claims than when an outclassed 20l 4th to Himmah on Ayr (7f, heavy). FALCONS DAWN shaped as if this trip would suit when a 3½l 4th to Decalt in this grade at Wolverhampton (5f).
Selection: TRIBAL LADY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	34	78	43.6
B Hanbury	11	45	24.4
M Stoute	18	78	23.1
M Prescott	5	22	22.7
L Cumani	10	48	20.8
B Hills	22	106	20.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	28	84	33.3
R Cochrane	16	81	19.8
Pat Eddery	21	111	18.9
J Reid	18	100	18.0
W Carson	22	129	17.1
G Carter	13	77	16.9

3.0 DARESBURY HANDICAP (£6,628: 1m 40yd) (13 runners)

301 (11) 1301-31 SAPPHO COMET 120 (D,F) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) J Dunlop 4-10-0 W Carson 95
302 (7) 000-300 DANCING MONARCH 9 (B,F) (S Pinkey) R Hollinshead 5-9-10 .... S Perks 95
303 (1) 135011- SECRETARY OF STATE 202 (D,F,S) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 4-9-9 .... T Quinn 87
304 (4) 1110-00 CURTAIN CALL 18 (D,F) (A Hobbs) P Makin 4-9-8 .... J Reid 88
305 (9) 0000/00- CRY FOR THE CLOWN 328 (V,D,F,G,S) (J Ward) C Spares 8-9-1 .... A Proud —
306 (13) 000-011 EASTERN EMBER 6 (V,F,G,S) (J Marsden) S Norton 4-9-1 (4ex) R Lappin (5) ● 99
307 (5) 5/40060- VAGUE DISCRETION 318 (F,G) (Marriott Ltd) R Williams 5-9-0 Alison Harper (7) 92
308 (12) 5460-04 MILLIGAN 8 (D,F,G) (B Haggas) M Prescott 5-9-0 .... G Duffield 98
309 (8) 1062-02 ROSEATE LODGE 22 (CD,F,G) (Wharf Racing) M Tompkins 4-8-13 R Cochrane 95
310 (2) 20-2005 VILANIKA 18 (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-11 .... M Roberts 95
311 (10) 1046-00 JADEITE 17 (CD,F) (A Foustok) R Boss 4-8-6 .... Pat Eddery 97
312 (3) 4280-50 YOUNG JASON 28 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 7-8-4 .... Dean McKeown 97
313 (6) 604-100 BIRSTWITH 17 (D,F,S) (D Aykroyd) W Easy 5-8-4 .... Dale Gibson (3) 98

BETTING: 7-2 Roseate Lodge, 9-2 Milligan, Young Jason, 6-1 Birstwith, 7-1 Vilanika, 8-1 Eastern Ember, 10-1 Curtain Call, Sappho Comet, 12-1 Secretary Of State, Dancing Monarch, 16-1 others.

1989: COLWAY RALLY 5-8-10 T Ives (4-1 jt-fav) J Watts 11 ran

FORM FOCUS SAPPHO COMET quickened 2l out and easily beat African Spirit 4l on the all-weather at Southwell (1m, standard). Looks the type to progress to better things.
SECRETARY OF STATE had CURTAIN CALL well back in 7th when driven out to beat Beowulf Danseur at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft).
EASTERN EMBER continues in good form and got up close home to beat Super Benz a neck at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). Shapes as if this trip will suit and should again go close. MILLIGAN looks nicely weighted and had DANCING MONARCH back in 10th when 3l 4th to Power Take Off at York (1m, good).
ROSEATE LODGE, a course and distance winner (good) last term, ran on strongly to finish a ½l 2nd to Bu-Sofyan at Salisbury (1m, firm). VILANIKA had CURTAIN CALL (1lb better off) 4½l back in 7th and MILLIGAN a well beaten 10th behind when 5th to Langtry Lady at Kempton (1m, firm).
Selection: MILLIGAN

3.30 A-PLANT MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,866: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

401 (3) ALOSAILI (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 .... B Raymond —
402 (7) 03 BAYLIS 17 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 .... L Dettori 90
403 (5) DERBY HOUSE LAD (E Brook) S Norton 9-0 .... M Wood —
404 (2) 2 LUCKY GUEST 35 (Windflower Overseas Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 98
405 (1) 6-44 MIDDLE KINGDOM 30 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
406 (4) 3 REGENT'S INLET 11 (G Hughes) C Brittain 9-0 .... M Roberts 72
407 (8) 443-600 RES IPSA LOQUITUR 7 (T Pershing) R Hollinshead 9-0 .... S Perks 88
408 (6) 0-2 CUM LAUDE 24 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-9 .... S Cauthen 95

BETTING: 5-4 Lucky Guest, 11-4 Cum Laude, 4-1 Baylis, 7-1 Alosaili, Middle Kingdom, 12-1 Regent's Inlet, 16-1 others.

1989: DEMAWEND 9-0 W R Swinburn (8-13 fav) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS BAYLIS backward and green when 5l 6th of 15 to Tamono Dancer in the Wood Ditton at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on debut; latest 8¾l 3rd to Regimental Arms at Chester (1m 2f 85yd, good) with RES IPSA LOQUITUR (same terms) 13l 5th.
LUCKY GUEST 8l 2nd of 15 to the very useful Theatrical Charmer in a maiden race at Kempton (1m 2f, good). Should be suited by today's trip and has reportedly improved a lot for the outing.
MIDDLE KINGDOM 8¾l 4th to Eton Lad in a 6-runner race at Epsom (1m 110yd, good). REGENT'S INLET 7l last of 3 to Thakib in a graduation race at Wolverhampton (1m1f, good).
CUM LAUDE beaten a neck by Wace in a 6-runner maiden at Redcar (1m 3f, firm) and is open to improvement.
Selection: LUCKY GUEST (nap)

4.0 BE FRIENDLY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,305: 6f) (17 runners)

501 (10) 30-1213 PROHIBITION 6 (D,F,G) (J Brown) J Berry 9-7 .... J Carroll 98
502 (13) 04130-0 TOSHIBA COMET 7 (D,S) (P Judd) W Pearce 9-5 .... D Nicholls 89
503 (11) 00-0212 KRISTIS GIRL 15 (G) (Mrs A Taylor) D Haydn Jones 9-3 .... J Reid 89
504 (8) 1150-3 ANKARA'S PRINCESS 17 (F) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 9-3 .... — 91
505 (12) 30-3015 EL ARAB 11 (D,F) (T Jones) E Alston 8-13 .... S Webster 98
506 (14) 2233-50 FINAL SHOT 17 (F) (P Hurst) M H Easterby 8-10 .... M Birch 97
507 (1) 040144- DUMBRECK 206 (D,S) (H O'Donnell) A Stringer 8-10 .... R Cochrane 96
508 (6) 0420-05 AYODESSA 16 (F) (Mrs E Georgiou) K McCauley 8-10 .... W Carson 94
509 (16) 112330 WELLSY LAD 41 (D) (M Hill) D Chapman 8-8 .... S Wood (3) 96
510 (7) 10-5 BERBERANA 36 (D,F) (H Alexander) J Watts 8-8 .... Dean McKeown 88
511 (15) 4040-0 DOULAB'S IMAGE 36 (G) (H Al-Tajir) H Thomson Jones 8-7 .... R Hills 97
512 (5) 040-2 PILGRIM'S PATH 11 (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) G Blading 8-5 J Williams ● 99
513 (4) 00-3242 NOTHING'S FREE 20 (G) (Roldvale Ltd) M W Easterby 8-1 .... K Darley 98
514 (3) 0002- CORSEE 259 (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 7-11 .... — 90
515 (2) 4-36 SO KNOWLEDGEABLE 20 (Miss L Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-10 .... — 98
516 (9) 00-15 FOUNTAIN LOCH 10 (D,F) (G Farndon) R Whitaker 7-10 .... Dale Gibson (3) 92
517 (17) 00000-0 INDIAN STAR 64 (G) (M Britain) M Britain 7-8 .... S Maloney (5) 93

BETTING: 5-1 Kristis Girl, 6-1 Prohibition, 7-1 Ankara's Princess, Toshiba Comet, 8-1 Ayodessa, Nothings Free, Pilgrim's Path, 10-1 Berberana, 12-1 Doulab's Image, 14-1 Fountain Loch, 16-1 others.

1989: SOMERSTEAD 8-8 J Lowe (25-1) M Camacho 17 ran

FORM FOCUS PROHIBITION beat Bold Lez ½l at Epsom (6f, good) on penultimate start with DOULAB'S IMAGE (7lb better off) 24½l in 8th.
KRISTIS GIRL made all to beat Wanda 4l at Ayr (7f, heavy) on penultimate start; latest ¾l 2nd of 16 to Shattered Dreams at Chester (7f, good).
ANKARA'S PRINCESS 1l 3rd of 13 to Anytime Anywhere at Chester (5f, good) with FINAL SHOT (3lb better off) 4½l 7th. EL ARAB beat Sir-Yamou 2½l at Pontefract (6f, firm) on penultimate start. PILGRIM'S PATH hung left in the closing stages when beaten ½l by Abeonal at Windsor (6f, good to firm) with EL ARAB (same terms) 7) 5th of the 14 runners. NOTHING'S FREE neck 2nd of 7 to Pinnacle point at Thirsk (6f, firm).
FOUNTAIN LOCH beat Beechy Glen 1l at Redcar (6f, firm) and was badly hampered when 2¾l 5th of 13 to the *same horse at Nottingham* (6f).
Selection: FOUNTAIN LOCH

4.30 EBF ST HELENS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,978: 5f) (4 runners)

601 (2) ACTIVE MOVEMENT (Cheveley Park Stud) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 .... A Munro —
602 (3) ANGEL FALLING (R Jones) E Owen jun 8-11 .... G Carter —
603 (1) CARRINKY (Camprint Ltd) J Berry 8-11 .... J Carroll —
604 (4) 2 MARAATIB 16 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 .... R Hills ● 99

BETTING: 5-4 Maraatib, 15-8 Carrinky, 4-1 Active Movement, 14-1 Angel Falling.

1989: MELBURY 8-11 J Reid (8-1) (jt-fav) C Nelson 9 ran

FORM FOCUS MARAATIB beaten a length when dead-heating for 2nd with Amber Mill behind Batra in a 3-runner race over today's course and distance (firm). Sure to have improved for the experience.
ACTIVE MOMENT (Feb 17) by Music Boy out of a 1m 6f maiden winner at 3 years. Half-sister to Dancing Days, a 1m-1m 2f handicap winner at 3 years, and cost 13,500gns as a yearling.
ANGEL FALLING (April 17) by Scottish Reel out of an extended 1m6f minor winner at 3 years. Half-sister to Brilliant Future, a 1m 3f claiming winner at 3 years and a winner over hurdles.
CARRINKY (April 13) by Absalom out of a mare who was unplaced in maiden company at 3 years. Half-sister to Ballyn Bliss, 6f selling winner at 2 years, and cost 12,000gns as a yearling.
Selection: MARAATIB

PONTEFRACT

Selections

By Mandarin
6.45 Gipsy Fiddler.
7.10 Ghadbbaan.
7.35 Bottles.
8.05 Kolinsky.
8.35 Touch Above.
9.05 Quick Profit.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.45 La Masaas.
7.10 Merseyside Man.
7.35 BOTTLES (nap).
8.05 —
8.35 New Mexico.
9.05 Catballou.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.10 GHADBBAAN.

Going: firm (watered) **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

6.45 BOLA GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,564: 5f) (6 runners)

1 (2) 41 BRIDGE BUILDER 32 (D,G) (Moss Side Rac Gp) J Berry 9-3 .... J Carroll 95
2 (4) 441 CRYSTAL JACK 16 (D,G) (Mrs B Facchino) F Lee 9-3 .... Dean McKeown 97
3 (1) 1 GIPSY FIDDLER 11 (D,G) (G Davidson) J J O'Neill 9-3 .... K Fallon ● 99
4 (3) 01 LA MASAAS 7 (D,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-3 .... Pat Eddery 97
5 (6) 213 ZERMANSKY 7 (D,G) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 9-3 .... M Birch 98
6 (5) 331 MY ALMA 6 (D,F) (G Farndon) R Whitaker 8-12 .... M Roberts 91

BETTING: 11-4 Gypsy Fiddler, 7-2 Crystal Jack, 9-2 My Alma, 5-1 La Masaas, 11-2 Zermansky, 8-1 Bridge Builder.

1989: CHAMPAGNE GOLD 9-8 T Ives (5-2 fav) D Smith 5 ran

7.10 NARBOL CLAIMING STAKES (£2,952: 1m) (18 runners)

1 (7) 1-42634 CAUSLEY 13 (D,F,G,S) (H Pearce) B McMahon 5-9-9 .... J Reid 91
2 (1) 111300 MERSEYSIDE MAN 35 (V,D,F) (Mrs S Scargill) J Scargill 4-9-6 .... S Ashworth (7) 94
3 (4) 0 SUGEMAR 14 (B McElney) J Toller 4-9-5 .... N Carlisle —
4 (17) 050-360 AARDVARK 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Pollard-Gill) R Whitaker 4-9-1 .... A Culhane 97
5 (15) 0130-00 CLASSIC SUITE 38 (D,F,S) (G Farndon) R Whitaker 4-9-1 .... — 91
6 (8) 0/02-011 GHADBBAAN 15 (D,F,G) (Full Circle F Plc) N Tinkler 6-8-13 .... — ● 99
7 (12) HEAVY LAND (Mrs V Vilain) R Boss 4-8-13 .... M Roberts —
8 (11) 541-420 NORQUAY 27 (D,G,S) (Full Circle F Plc) N Tinkler 5-8-13 .... — 92
9 (2) 121-000 TWOTIME BID 27 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Geraghty) Miss S Hall 4-8-13 .... R Hills 82
10 (13) 5/0- ZODE 400 (D & S Smillie) J S Wilson 4-8-12 .... Dean McKeown —
11 (10) 0000-00 MOFADOR 20 (D,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 6-8-11 .... R Lappin (5) —
12 (3) 4060- RIEVAULX 285 (Hambleton Racing 1989 Plc) W Pearce 4-8-10 .... D Nicholls 84
13 (14) 60-0000 CAPITAL BUILDER 6 (D,G) (Silverbell Rac Ltd) I Semple 4-8-9 .... M Wigham 84
14 (16) 00-0000 SKY WATCHER 4 (D,F) (M Rogers) J Dooler 4-8-9 .... P Dalton (7) —
15 (9) 0000- CORMAC'S 162 (Gilt-Edged Racing Plc) A Bailey 4-8-6 .... G Carter 81
16 (5) 502-00 NEW CHANDELIER 17 (B) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-8-6 .... W Ryan 82
17 (6) 8/04650- ANGELICA PARK 170 (J Wharton) J Wharton 4-8-3 .... R Fox 82
18 (18) 0-20300 INDIVISIBLE 41 (Mrs A Mutch) R Hollinshead 4-8-3 .... G Husband (5) 80

BETTING: 3-1 Ghadbbaan, 9-2 Aardvark, 6-1 Classic Suite, 8-1 Norquay, 9-1 Causley, 10-1 Heavy Land, 12-1 Twotime Bid, 14-1 Cormac's, 16-1 Angelica Park, 20-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE.

7.35 GEORGE FARNDON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,207: 1m) (13 runners)

1 (13) 0165-10 GOLDEN TORQUE 10 (D,F,S) (T Smith) R Bastiman 9-7 .... Dean McKeown 98
2 (3) 5-10223 GO DUTCH 29 (R Lorenz) C Nelson 9-5 .... J Reid 91
3 (6) 23-626U PYTCHLEY NIGHT 8 (D Demetri) R Hollinshead 9-3 .... S Perks 98
4 (1) 344-0 PROSPECTORS MOON 22 (Lady J De Chair) C Wall 9-3 .... N Day 83
5 (7) 12200-0 BETWEEN TIME 28 (F) (Hesmonds Stud) P Calver 9-1 .... A Culhane 94
6 (10) 2-52133 KATY'S LAD 13 (BF,D,F,S) (J Butler) B McMahon 9-1 .... L Dettori 91
7 (5) 0-33 BOTTLES 29 (Bottles Restaurant Sheringham) G Huffer 9-0 .... M Wigham 94
8 (11) 0221-06 PULIGNY 13 (D,S) (N Munton) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 .... A Munro 89
9 (9) 00-0 SAFETY 25 (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-8 .... Pat Eddery 98
10 (8) 0-0541 PETROL BLUE 14 (G) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-3 .... K Darley 94
11 (12) 000-00 BACK RAISE 45 (P & M) S Norton 7-11 .... N Kennedy (7) 90
12 (2) 0-04944 ESCAPE TALK 6 (F) (Royal-Blue Racing Plc) M Brittain 7-10 .... S Maloney (5) 93
13 (4) 000-10 SOOTY TERN 27 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 7-8 .... J Lowe ● 99

BETTING: 5-1 Bottles, 11-2 Go Dutch, 6-1 Petrol Blue, Safety, 7-1 Katy's Lad, 10-1 Puligny, 12-1 Back Raise, Sooty Tern, 14-1 others.

1989: ROSEATE LODGE 8-1 W Carson (11-10 fav) J Watts 18 ran

8.05 MAWDSLEY BOOKMAKERS STATE OF THE ARTS HANDICAP (£2,532: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

1 (3) 0094-50 SOLA MIA 6 (F) (Mrs P Barratt) W Pearce 4-9-10 .... G Hind (5) 89
2 (2) 050-531 THIMBALINA 21 (G) (Mrs J Hartley) S Norton 4-9-2 .... N Kennedy (7) ● 99
3 (5) 000-032 KOLINSKY 14 (F,G) (F Lee) F Lee 4-8-11 .... Dean McKeown 97
4 (1) 140/220- AUSTHORPE SUNSET 18J (C,G) (A Walker) Mrs R Wharton 6-8-4 .. M A Giles (5) 88
5 (4) 022-000 HITCHENSTOWN 6 (D,G,S) (B Norman) M O'Neill 7-7-8 .... Jaki Houston (7) 91

BETTING: 9-4 Thimbalina, 11-4 Kolinsky, 4-1 Sola Mia, 9-2 Hitchenstown, 5-1 Austhorpe Sunset.

1989: REGAL REFORM 6-8-5 D McKeown (8-1) G Moore 17 ran

8.35 TOTE HANDICAP (£3,036: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1 (5) 13-0001 NEW MEXICO 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Morley) D Morley 6-10-0 .... M Roberts 90
2 (11) 0-00200 DEPUTY TIM 8 (F,G,S) (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman 7-9-1 .... Dean McKeown 94
3 (8) 11413-3 MISS RELSUN 13 (D,F) (Mrs V Robson) Mrs G Reveley 6-9-0 .... K Darley 88
4 (6) 00/50-0 MOST OF ALL 22 (G Cooper) J Scargill 4-8-12 .... K Rutter (7) —
5 (12) 340-025 RAPID LAD 13 (D,F,G,S) (S Borsberry) J Spearing 12-8-12 .... J Reid 95
6 (14) 165300- IT'S ME 226 (F) (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 4-8-10 .... E Johnson 97
7 (15) 6-43010 HONEY BOY SIMBA 6 (V,F,G) (Roscoe Ltd) M O'Neill 4-8-9 .... J Fortune (5) 92
8 (9) 6-03146 TOUCH ABOVE 13 (D,F) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 4-8-9 .... G Duffield 95
9 (2) 030-001 MONTEROS BOY 9 (F,G) (B Wisdom) B Hills 5-8-9 .... D Holland (7) ● 99
10 (16) 0045 FRANCISCAN 10 (Hambleton Racing 1989 Plc) W Pearce 3-8-8 .... D Nicholls 87
11 (4) 406-500 ASTRONOMER 14 (F) (Exors of J Collinson) F Lee 4-8-3 .... R Lappin (5) 88
12 (13) 10-0060 VERBARIUM 10 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 10-8-2 M A Giles (5) 94
13 (10) 500-480 BOBBY ON THE BANK 11 (S) (R Molyneux) M O'Neill 4-7-8 .... — 93
14 (7) 000450- FAST APPROACH 31J (CD,F) (D Leech) J Dooler 4-7-7 .... N Kennedy (7) 92
15 (3) 0/00-004 RUDDA CASS 14 (CD,F) (J Slatcher) Roy Robinson 6-7-7 .... S Maloney (5) 81
16 (1) 1000/00- ICE BREAKER 170J (G) (F Williams) I Semple 7-7-7 .... R Fox —

BETTING: 6-1 Monteros boy, 7-1 Rapid Lad, 8-1 New Mexico, 9-1 Miss Relsun, Honey Boy Simba, 10-1 Touch Above, 14-1 Deputy Tim, 16-1 It's Me, 20-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

9.05 WILLIAM HILL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,356: 6f) (6 runners)

1 (1) 330-0 GANT BLEU 35 (D Cecil) R Whitaker 9-0 .... A Munro 88
2 (5) 02 HATTA FORT 20 (B) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 9-0 .... Dean McKeown 92
3 (6) 330-3 SECOND TO NONE 32 (Mrs A Galvanoni) J Berry 9-0 .... J Carroll 75
4 (3) 40-3 SLADES HILL 20 (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 9-0 .... E Johnson 83
5 (4) 3-0 CATBALLOU 25 (J Bevan) J Toller 8-9 .... G Duffield ● 99
6 (2) 0-4 QUICK PROFIT 18 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 .... M Roberts 97

BETTING: 9-4 Quick Profit, 11-4 Hatta Fort, 9-2 Catballou, 6-1 Slades Hill, 8-1 Gant Bleu, 10-1 Second To None.

1989: PRINCIPOULA 8-11 W R Swinburn (4-1) C Brittain 9 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Berry	12	59	20.3
B Hills	6	32	18.8
J Watts	9	54	16.7
Mrs J Ramsden	7	47	14.9
D Morley	7	49	14.3
G Huffer	4	28	14.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	20	68	29.4
G Husband	3	12	25.0
J Carroll	12	53	22.6
W Ryan	14	68	20.6
R Lappin	3	19	15.8
J Reid	4	27	14.8

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Moon Cactus (Steve Cauthen) strides clear to land the Sheraton Park Tower Lupe Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

Impressive Moon Cactus not certain Oaks runner

By Jack Waterman

MOON Cactus comfortably won the Sheraton Park Lupe Stakes at Goodwood yesterday on her first outing of the season, giving weight to all her rivals. But no decision has yet been taken whether she runs in the Gold Seal Oaks a fortnight tomorrow.

In the light of what appeared a fair performance, although only marginally faster than that of her stable companion Razeen in the colts' equivalent on Wednesday, leading bookmakers varied widely in their reaction.

Hills were most impressed, cutting Moon Cactus's price drastically from 14-1 to 6-1 third favourite. Corals make her 7-1 and Ladbrokes a generous-looking 10-1.

Corals' full betting is: 7-4 Salsabil, 9-4 *Kartajana*, 6-1 Wajd, 7-1 Moon Cactus, 8-1 In The Groove, 10-1 bar.

Henry Cecil, who saddled *Scimitarra to win the Lupe in* 1987, was not at Goodwood, but Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, *said afterwards there would be a* consultation "between Mr Cecil and Sheikh Mohammed. Wajd is coming over from France and *definitely runs. We shall now* have to decide on whether Moon Cactus runs as well."

Steve Cauthen brought Moon *Cactus round the outside of the* field two furlongs from home and went ahead smoothly, but had to ride her out in the closing *stages to withstand by 1½* lengths the late rally of Game Plan.

Clive Brittain said of Game Plan *that she is not certain to* run in the Oaks. She needs softer going and is also entered for the French equivalent.

On the Derby front, Anthony Stroud announced that Sasaki, trained by Michael Stoute, and River God, trained by Henry Cecil, will work on Saturday and Wednesday and after that there will be a decision on their participation at Epsom.

Pat Eddery, meanwhile, not to be outdone in the statistical stakes by Willie Carson's 3,000 milestone three days ago, had an impressive winner in Groombridge, 6-4 favourite for the Radio 1 FM 98.2 Maiden Stakes.

This put him on the 2,748 mark, taking him to equal sixth in the overall jockeys' table in this country, level on figures with that great Victorian champion, Fred Archer.

However, there is no comparison between the times in which the record was set and equalled. Archer *rode* for 17 seasons before committing suicide in 1886, while Eddery had his first success 21 years ago.

Earlier, there had been another Victorian connection when All Is Revealed and Timminion, the two oldest *horses in the race at eight,* appropriately finished first and second in the Kincsem Stakes. The event commemorates the great unbeaten *Hungarian mare* who won 54 European races including the 1878 Goodwood Cup.

All Is Revealed, confidently ridden by Frankie Dettori, made nearly every yard of the running in this entertaining stayers' event and, *although* briefly headed in the straight by Saxon Court, *All Is Revealed ran* on well to beat Timminion by 1½ lengths.

The winner was off the course all last year and, in fact, had his last success also at Goodwood in October 1988. If he comes out of his *race well, he may run* again at Kempton at the weekend.

There was another northern winner, following Jack Berry's success yesterday, when George Moore, the Middleham trainer, brought Jondebe Boy down for the Weathercall Stakes.

Willie Carson, putting up a pound overweight on the bottom weight, blazed a trail down the centre of the course and *made all*.

Dreamawhile, who looks a useful filly in the making, gave Peter Walwyn his second winner of the meeting when taking the first division of the Boxgrove Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

The favourite, Recital, had taken up the running a furlong out but Ray Cochrane brought Dreamawhile, a 10-1 chance, with a well-timed run in the last hundred yards to win by 1½ lengths.

Dreamawhile, having won her *maiden race, will probably now* go for a graduation race. The Child Stakes at Newmarket, a group two race, is also on her *programme.*

● In addition to live coverage of Kempton and the 1,000 Guineas from the Curragh on Saturday, Channel 4 *will also show live the* 4.30 from the Curragh, the Goffs C & G Premier Handicap. *Four* English-trained runners were *left in this race at the four-day* stage.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Jollienne. 2.45 Members' Revenge. 3.15 Able Vale. 3.45 Hawksmoor. 4.15 Tarconey. 4.45 Arsonist.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Eastern Chant.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Eastern Chant.

Going: good to firm (with firm patches)

2.15 SHOLEBROOK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 5f 26yd) (runners)

1 64P6 JOLLIENNE 18 (F) S Woodman 6-11-10 .. R Dunwoody
2 3523 BATTLEPLAN 10 (S) (BF) K Morgan 5-11-7 ... S Turner
3 4234 SEATON GIRL 41 (F) R Frost 6-11-5 .... J Frost
4 4033 BHARKAT 6 J Norton 4-10-7 .... P Harley (7)
5 0060 JILLY WOOD 9 (F) Dr P Pritchard 6-10-2 Dr P Pritchard
6 6500 PETALOUDA 6 P Howling 6-10-0 .... M Kinane
7 -44P ONLY JOKING 19F (S) Mrs A Knight 6-10-0 D Matthews (7)

2-1 Battleplan, 3-1 Seaton Girl, Bharkat, 6-1 Jollienne, 16-1 Jilly Wood, 25-1 Only Joking, Petalouda.

2.45 FERMOR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,163: 2m 50yd) (6)

1 21F5 TAFFY JONES 3F (D,F,G,S) M McCormack 11-12-0 C Maude (7)
2 59P- LARRY'S BOTTLE 364 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 13-11-13 L Harvey
3 3211 MEMBERS' REVENGE 16 (D,F) S Christian 9-11-5 G McCourt
4 52F1 MR QUICK 39 (D,F,G,S) J Wharton 11-11-4. S J O'Neill
5 2202 INDIAN 10 (V,BF,CD,F,S) O Brennan 10-10-9 R Goldstein
6 4-P0 SIR LESTER 129 (CD,F,S) C Nash 14-10-1 Mrs P Nash

15-8 Mr Quick, 9-4 Members' Revenge, 4-1 Indian, 11-2 Taffy Jones, 20-1 Sir Lester, Larry's Bottle.

3.15 CARLING BLACK LABEL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,887: 2m) (5)

1 0644 MRS PEOPLEATER 45 (D,G,S) P Howling 7-11-10 M Kinane
2 0443 LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 18 (D,F) Mrs J Wonnacott 8-11-9 Mrs C Wonnacott (7)
3 2211 ABLE VALE 16 (D,F) R Holder 4-11-8 .... N Mann (5)
4 5401 TIGERS PET 10 (CD,F,G) O Brennan 6-11-8 (7ex) M Brennan
5 000F FORTOLD 66 (D,F,S) G Wareham 12-11-2 .... R Rowe

Evens Able Vale, 11-4 Tigers Pet, 9-2 Lizzy Longstocking, 8-1 Mrs Peopleater, 12-1 Fortold.

3.45 TIMES CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (Final: amateurs: £1,843: 3m 190yd) (10 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE FACING PAGE

4.15 GAYTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,280: 3m 190yd) (3)

1 3216 TARCONEY 27 (CD,F,G,S) P Cundell 10-12-0 G McCourt
2 4254 CONTRADEAL 37 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A Barclay 13-11-9 R Dunwoody
3 3633 ROYAL GURKHA 9 (F,G,S) R Frost 10-10-1 .... J Frost

11-8 Tarconey, 7-4 Royal Gurkha, 5-2 Contradeal.

4.45 PATTISHALL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,632: 2m) (8)

1 5251 ARSONIST 16 (CD,F) A Blackmore 5-11-5 .... M Pitman
2 2122 LITTLEGO 6F (B,D,F) J Jenkins 5-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
3 P/ PATAUDI 855 P Howling 10-10-12 .... M Kinane
4 02 CHARLOTTE LANE 26 (B) D Burchell 6-10-7 D J Burchell
5 00- KELLY'S TWILIGHT 391 Mrs A Holman 6-10-7 Mrs A Holman
6 LARKSPUR LASS K Bailey 7-10-7 .... I Lawrence (3)
7 3403 MISS MAGIC 91 F Walwyn 5-10-7 .... K Mooney
8 P RYDENE 51 Dr P Pritchard 7-10-7 .... Dr P Pritchard

2-1 Arsonist, 11-4 Littlego, 3-1 Miss Magic, 5-1 Charlotte Lane, 12-1 Larkspur Lass, 25-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: F Walwyn, 15 winners from 55 runners, 27.3%; O Brennan, 8 from 32, 25.0%; S Christian, 15 from 65, 23.1%; P Cundell, 5 from 26, 19.2%; Mrs I McKie, 4 from 35, 11.4%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: K Mooney, 18 winners from 78 rides, 23.1%; M Brennan, 6 from 31, 19.4%; R Goldstein, 5 from 27, 18.5%; M Pitman, 5 from 30, 16.7%; J Frost, 3 from 25, 12.0%; R Dunwoody, 17 from 150, 11.3%.

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Touch Of Speed. 2.45 Fast Freeze. 3.15 Stay On Tracks. 3.45 *Proverbial* Luck. 4.15 River House. 4.45 Mirage Dancer.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Hellcatmudwrestler.

Going: firm (watering)

2.15 SALVESON BRICK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,646: 2m) (10 runners)

1 PP02 TOUCH OF SPEED 135 (D,F) H Wharton 6-11-10 M Harper
2 -00F TIME-SEE 17 (B,D,F,S) J Smith 9-11-8 .... P A Farrell
3 6-00 LISFENNELL 8 (B) P Blockley 6-11-7 .... D Hood (7)
4 P044 UPWELL 18 R Johnson 6-11-5 .... Mr P Johnson (7)
5 4325 SONALTO 10 D Williams 4-11-2 .... B Powell
6 9230 TARLOGIE 9 J Johnson 4-11-1 .... Mr P McMahon
7 0555 COPPER MARKET 13 Mrs R Wharton 7-11-0 A Orkney
8 0024 MIGHTY SUPREMO 56 T Cuthbert 9-11-0 Carol Cuthbert (7)
9 0U65 SABDABEANI 25 (CD,F) N Waggott 5-10-12 Miss T Waggott (7)
10 -00F LOVELY LIZZIE 9 B Cambidge 7-10-6 .. Gary Lyons (3)

15-8 Touch Of Speed, 3-1 Sonalto, 5-1 Tarlogie, 6-1 Copper Market, 8-1 Mighty Supremo, 10-1 others.

2.45 TARMAC TOPBLOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,917: 2m 4f) (5)

1 3541 JANE'S JOY 31 (CD,F) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-13 R Hodge (7)
2 2115 CHASERS' BAR 18 (D,F) J Swiers 5-11-4. Mr S Swiers
3 6211 CHESWOLD 20 (C,F,S) J Johnson 6-11-3 Mr P McMahon
4 00P1 FAST FREEZE 22 (CD,F) R Earnshaw 4-10-3 A Whitham (7)
5 5F34 SAMONIA 8 (D,F,S) T Cunningham 10-10-0 S Cunningham

6-4 Cheswold, 5-2 Fast Freeze, 100-30 Jane's Joy, 6-1 Chasers' Bar, 12-1 Samonia.

3.15 GEORGE CARPENTER MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,611: 2m 4f) (5)

1 P421 STAY ON TRACKS 18 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 8-12-0 C Grant
2 -PPU SHARP SONG 12 (V,CD,F,G) T Fairhurst 9-10-5 R Garritty (3)
3 33F4 GIOLLA PADRAIG 22 (CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 12-10-0 B Storey
4 44F5 CHIPCHASE 9 (CD,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 10-10-0 D Byrne
5 4360 TUMBLE JIM 9 (CD,F,G) T Cunningham 17-10-0 S Cunningham

4-7 Stay On Tracks, 100-30 Giolla Padraig, 6-1 Tumble Jim, 12-1 Chipchase, 20-1 Sharp Song.

3.45 ARCHIBALDS GUY CUNARD NORTHERN POINT-TO-POINT CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,562: 3m 2f 160yd) (7)

1 4-33 CHEERIE CHIEF 9 (D,S) H Barclay 14-12-0 G Robinson (7)
2 0/3- DEMI CHEVAL 364 R May 12-12-7 .... D Kinsella (7)
3 4PP- HELLCATMUDWRESTLER 373 H Bell 9-12-7 M Williams (7)
4 PROVERBIAL LUCK W A Stephenson 8-12-7 Miss S Hunter (7)
5 UP THE SNICKET R Dennis 9-12-7 .... P Atkinson (7)
6 P-03 XAMAR TREE 27 Mrs R Emwees 9-12-7 Miss T Waggott (7)
7 -062 SISTER SAM 52 T Smith 10-12-2 .... N Tutty (5)

9-4 Up The Snicket, 100-30 Cheerie Chief, 4-1 Sister Sam, 8-1 Proverbial Luck, 10-1 Hellcatmudwrestler, 12-1 others.

4.15 POLYPIPE NOVICES CHASE (£1,974: 2m 4f) (7)

1 1216 CHOCTAW 16 (CD,F,G) P Beaumont 6-11-10 P A Farrell
2 5163 LONDON WINDOWS 6 (D,F) D Williams 6-11-10 B Powell
3 4634 CLARES OWN 57 (D,F) J Wade 6-11-5 .... K Jones
4 421F LINGHAM DUKE 16 (C,F) J Swiers 9-11-5 Mr M Wilson (7)
5 0633 RIVER HOUSE 16 (D,BF,G) W A Stephenson 8-11-5 C Grant
6 0604 GODOUNOV 13 (V,G) T Fairhurst 7-11-0. R Garritty (7)
7 4/4U RYECROFT 12 (D,G,S) B Ellison 12-11-0 Mr P McMahon

5-2 Choctaw, 3-1 River House, 9-2 Lingham Duke, 7-1 London Windows, 10-1 Clares Own, 12-1 Godounov, 14-1 Ryecroft.

4.45 BAT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,618: 2m) (8)

1 0/01 ENTIRE 13 (D,G) R Barr 6-11-13 .... Mr N Tutty
2 6025 HIGHFIELD PRINCE 7 (CD,BF,F) R O'Leary 4-11-8 L Wyer
3 403P CANESTRELLI 39 (B) P Blockley 5-11-5 .... D Hood (7)
4 0251 MIRAGE DANCER 16 Miss C Caroe 7-11-5 A Stanford (7)
5 P5P1 FAIR SEAS 15 (D,F) D Wellcome 4-11-3 .... A Carroll
6 0-65 COOL FOUNTAIN 13 T Cuthbert 6-11-0 .... B Storey
7 00F6 FILI FOLIA 62 R Swiers 6-11-0 .... Mr S Swiers
8 405 SAUCY TOUCH 27 R Swiers 4-11-0 .... A Orkney

13-8 Mirage Dancer, 5-2 Highfield Prince, 9-2 Entire, 6-1 Fair Seas, 12-1 Fili Folia, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs R Wharton, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; Mrs G Reveley, 30 from 155, 19.4%, W A Stephenson, 72 from 425, 16.9%, B Wilkinson, 7 from 42, 16.7%, Denys Smith, 39 from 248, 15.7%, R Swiers, 9 from 59, 15.3%.

JOCKEYS: Mr P McMahon, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; D Byrne 9 from 36, 25.0%; L Wyer, 17 from 84, 20.2%, C Grant, 56 from 288, 19.4%; R Garritty, 7 from 49, 14.3%; Mr S Swiers, 9 from 84, 10.7%.

As batsmen continue to run riot, explanations emerge in the aftermath of Headingley

Bowlers have a large score to settle

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

ENGLAND now know where they stand. From being something of an unknown quantity, New Zealand have been revealed as a team with plenty of quality batsmen, but precious little decent bowling — much like England, in fact, on the evidence of the opening match in the Texaco Trophy.

Seldom in the cluttered history of one-day internationals can there have been a game in which so much was owed, by so many grateful batsmen, to truly woeful bowling by both sides.

Runs have been the theme of this English season, but Wednesday's feast of all but 600 cannot be put down to the low-seamed ball or an admittedly blistful pitch, so much as to bowling which ignored the fundamental disciplines.

For England, DeFreitas and Derek Pringle — both included as perceived experts in the essentially negative art of one-day bowling — conceded 115 runs in 17.5 overs between them.

Pringle was not trusted with a full quota and DeFreitas, charged with the task of giving away fewer than eight in the final over, was hit for 10 in five balls, of which the only one to enter the scorebook as a dot was a bouncer which might have been called wide.

For New Zealand, Millmow and Morrison were equally generous, endorsing the view that Hadlee is to carry an awesome burden in the Tests to come. If he should break down, scoreboard operators around the country had better prepare for some hectic business.

The mitigating circumstances were, in each case, the absence of a key man. England's Fraser and New Zealand's Snedden would surely have improved things, but both are injured. For the second and last match, at the Oval today, England's problems will be greatly increased if a pulled thigh muscle keeps out Small.

Small's sustained fitness was one of the delightful bonuses of the Caribbean tour, as his England career has repeatedly been interrupted by injury. On Wednesday, he was the most economical bowler on either side, but left the field in plain discomfort.

He could be replaced today by Malcolm, never previously regarded as suited by one-day demands, and included as Fraser's deputy not so much because the view of him has altered, but more because the selectors could not think of anyone better.

If injuries are again to be a feature of the summer, the bowling shortage will become acute. Foster, Dilley, Jarvis and Thomas are all history, since going to South Africa, and the next consignment which might include Igglesden, Watkin and Martin Bicknell, are doing little to advance their case.

The same could be said, on Wednesday, of Lewis. His first spell was dreadful, and his second not quite as impressive as three for 26 might suggest. He is, however, a natural cricketer, and is sure to do better in time.

Rightly, neither captain hid his dismay at the standard of bowling. Graham Gooch said: "I was not happy with the way we bowled, and we must improve."

John Wright said he would be looking for better bowling and fielding from his men than they showed at Headingley.

Greatbatch, whose century decided the issue, revealed the spur for New Zealand had been Wright's own condemnation of their failure in the recent one-day event in Sharjah, when the captain is said to have told his players they were gutless. They certainly responded to the insult with spirit.

The chances are that today's game will follow a similar pattern to the first. No ground in England houses better batting pitches than Harry Brind produces at the Oval, so high scores can virtually be guaranteed, even allowing for the bowling not being quite so dire.

If there is one thing that a sell-out crowd would like to see changed, however, it is the fortunes of Gower. Out for one on Wednesday, he will be anxious to atone with something special to avoid the possibility of being directed straight back to the wilderness.

Smith reaps benefit as Essex bowlers go through motions

By John Woodcock

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of three): Essex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 133 runs ahead of Hampshire

FORGOING the virtual certainty of a fourth batting bonus point, Hampshire declared 55 runs behind Essex at Southampton yesterday, in the hope that today they may pick up the bigger prize of an outright victory.

They will expect a stiffish final target but, in the present circumstances, only by contrivance can a stalemate be avoided.

The game followed mostly the same contours as it had on Wednesday, without having any batting as pleasing to the eye as Waugh's first-innings century. Again there was an early wicket, Terry being caught low down at fourth slip off the last ball of the second over.

There then followed a partnership of 237 between Chris Smith and Middleton. A fairly low-key affair it was, but so long as Hampshire were not far short of Essex's first-innings total by the tea interval, the game could start again from there.

That was the plan, and had it been a four-day match, only the timetable would have been much different.

As was inevitable, Hampshire's somewhat star-struck signing of Gower is going to keep a good younger player out of their side. When he and Robin Smith return tomorrow, there will presumably be no place for Middleton, Scott and Wood, all, as it happens, home-grown products.

Middleton's hundred yesterday was his seventh of the season for Hampshire, five of them in succession for the second XI. Yesterday's could have been modelled on an innings by Tim Robinson: the style was similar, the accumulation just as methodical.

Middleton faced 259 balls for his 104 not out and hit 10 fours. It was his second first-class hundred, the first having come against Kent last month. Smith's 128, his 39th hundred, included 20 fours and occupied 229 balls. It is his benefit season, not to say the Smith family's benefit week, in which so far he and Robin have made 526 runs between them at an average of 105.

The time came when Essex, in the field, were not doing much more than going through the motions. It is a misapprehension to think that pluperfect pitches, and balls as smooth as babies' bottoms, will produce match-winning bowlers, whether over three, four or 10 days. Bowlers are more likely to become disheartened.

Against his former county, Andrew was now fast and energetic. After a pretty good first spell, Foster shortened his run and gave little away. But Marshall's contribution when Essex went in again was the most compelling of the day: four slips, two gullies, a short leg, the lot. But it was still no good. Rather, it was Shine who forced Stephenson to retire, hit in the face hooking at a bouncer, and Connor who bowled Prichard.

By bowling for most of the time to a very close silly point, Childs committed himself to a low, flat trajectory. It produced endless defensive forward prods from Smith and Middleton, but nothing like the interest and variety that a little flight, to a deep-set offside ring, might have done.

As for the leg spinner, Shahid, by the time Hardie tried him Hampshire's innings had lasted for 76 overs. Even Abdul Qadir might have struggled then.

ESSEX: First Innings B R Hardie 125, M E Waugh 125).

Second Innings

*B R Hardie c Parks b Maru	31
J P Stephenson retired hurt	4
P J Prichard b Connor	4
M E Waugh not out	37
T D Topley not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total (2 wkts)	78

N Shahid, A C Seymour, †M A Garnham, N A Foster, J H Childs and S J W Andrew to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-78.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Stephenson b Foster	14
T C Middleton not out	104
C L Smith c Garnham b Waugh	128
†R J Parks not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 4)	11
Total (2 wkts dec)	260

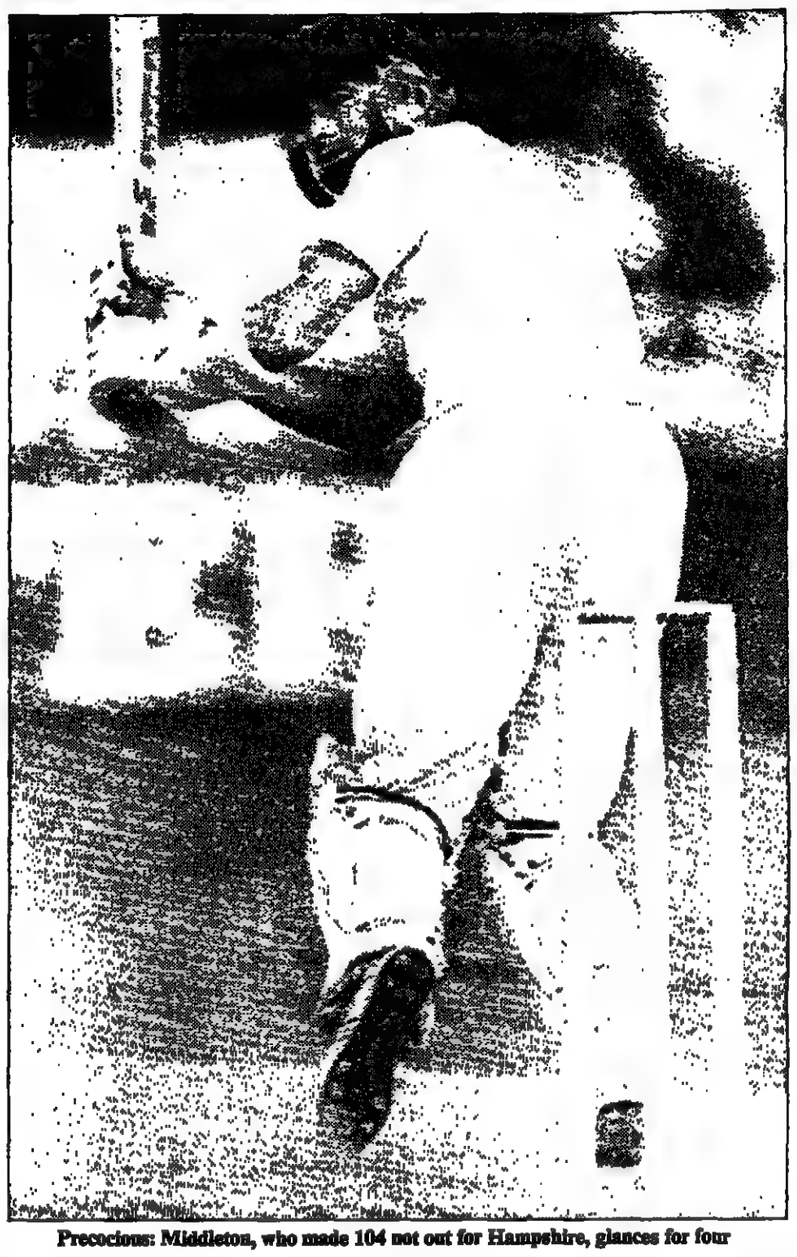
*M C J Nicholas, M D Marshall, R J Scott, R J Maru, I J Turner, C A Connor and K J Shine did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-257.

BOWLING: Foster 19-6-43-1; Andrew 15-5-50-0; Topley 18-3-53-0; Childs 23-6-48-0; Waugh 9-0-33-1; Shahid 5-1-26-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Essex 4.

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.



Precocious: Middleton, who made 104 not out for Hampshire, glances for four

Hartley opens up after Derby let three chances slip

By Jack Bailey

CHESTERFIELD (second day of three): Derbyshire, nine second-innings wickets in hand, lead Yorkshire by 133 runs

IN MANY ways this has been an excellent game of cricket. Yesterday did not produce the highs and lows of Wednesday's roller-coaster ride, but the struggle for supremacy was always intriguing.

The day's award for escapology belonged to Yorkshire; but with Barnett passing 50 in 59 balls, celebrating by taking five successive fours off Fletcher and going on to reach an undefeated 93 in as many minutes, to Derbyshire goes the lion's share of the spoils.

That Yorkshire were able to edge into a first innings lead owed much to a partnership of 140 in 24 overs between Hartley and Byas, a partnership which would have been stillborn had Derbyshire not failed to latch on to three chances given by Hartley before he reached double figures. At that stage, Yorkshire were teetering on the brink of recovery from 157 for 6. The dreaded post-lunch collapse syndrome which had beset Derbyshire now gripped Yorkshire.

Including Kellett's fall at the hands of Barnett just before the interval, they lost four wickets for 39 inside 11 overs. Talk of the follow-on was in the air. Then, once off Base, twice during an over by Bishop, chances were grassed. Two of them were put down at slip and one in the gully, and Hartley needed no further encouragement to show what a fine driver of the ball he can be. He faced only 79 balls in reaching his 75. He hit 13 fours and he took Derbyshire apart.

Byas was a willing henchman in his tall left-handed way, dealing especially well, as left-handers often do, with Barnett's leg-breaks and missing few opportunities to score. By the time they were prised apart and Bishop had finished off the tail with a spell of three wickets for five runs inside three overs, Yorkshire were back in the hunt and Derbyshire had to begin all over again.

Before his onslaught on the Yorkshire bowling, Barnett's leg-spinners and googlies had been a salient feature. Moxon, playing with a broken toe and a stitched up right hand, had battled bravely, and Metcalfe had yet again done all the hard work without cashing in, when Kellett, looking organized and solid, met a classic example of the leg-spinner's art: the leg-break, the googlie, and then the flipper. The last proved fatal as Kellett tried to force off the back foot and the ball scurried through to hit the off stump.

Although overshadowed by Barnett's savagery as the evening wore on, Roberts accompanied him in a stand which has so far realised 138, and played extremely well.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 317 (K J Barnett 60, S J Base 58).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett not out	93
J E Morris c Blakey b Fletcher	5
B Roberts not out	43
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 1)	7
Total (1 wkt)	148

P D Bowler, C J Adams, S C Goldsmith, †K M Krikken, G Miller, I R Bishop, A E Warner and S J Base to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-10.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon b Warner	45
A A Metcalfe c Krikken b Bishop	32
R J Blakey c Bowler b Goldsmith	9
S A Kellett b Barnett	22
P E Robinson c Roberts b Base	12
†D L Bairstow lbw b Base	19
D Byas c Krikken b Bishop	67
P J Hartley c Goldsmith b Warner	75
P W Jarvis c Base b Bishop	15
P J Berry not out	6
S D Fletcher c Bowler b Bishop	2
Extras (lb 12, w 3, nb 13)	28
Total (85.2 overs)	332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-80, 3-118, 4-131, 5-143, 6-157, 7-297, 8-308, 9-319.

BOWLING: Bishop 21.2-6-62-4; Base 15-0-72-2; Warner 22-1-80-2; Barnett 9-1-37-1; Goldsmith 7-1-21-1; Miller 11-2-38-0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 8, Yorkshire 8.

Umpires: P J Eele and A A Jones.

Grieg ends Surrey struggle for runs

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S (second day of three): Middlesex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, lead Surrey by 32 runs

UNTIL the last stanchion is affixed in the Compton and Edrich stands, comparisons between their progress and tardiness in the middle will continue unabated. So it was yesterday, when Surrey became needlessly bogged down in conditions not so very different from what they are used to at the Oval. The first batting point took 76 overs to arrive, and they managed just two in all.

It was hard to discern their difficulties. Alikhan took 31 overs to make 20, Thorpe played an innings out of keeping with his reputation and Lynch batted without his sparkle of old. Even Greig spent 40 minutes over five, although he was more ebullient thereafter. Surrey declared 24 runs behind

The latest on the saga of the stands is that MCC has managed to acquire 400 seats for temporary use in the Test here next month. The executive committee, which met on Wednesday, has agreed to fall in with the contractor's request and not comment on matters of a contractural nature. MCC does, though, concede that the delay in mixing concrete has meant that estimates of completion it gave to members have had to be revised.

MCC is striving to ensure that the cricketers themselves are not affected by pneumatic drills and the like. Indeed, the one quality about Surrey's batsmen yesterday was their concentration. As to the brighter moments after a morning of 54 runs in 41 overs, they came mostly from Greig, the odd punched four by Ward and then in the form of an unbroken stand between Kendrick and Bicknell.

By then, two batting points was the summit of their ambitions. The bowling was steady, nothing more, as Surrey's tail showed. Kendrick finished with an unbeaten 52, made in 62 minutes with seven fours, and it was the highest score of his brief career. With Bicknell he added 78 in 18 overs.

The best, though, was still to come. Greig declared and gave the new ball not to Gray but to Murphy, who had Roseburry, a century-maker on Wednesday, taken at the wicket. In the next over Bicknell plucked out Haynes's off-stump and four balls later had Gatting dropped by Ward, from a straightforward chance. If ever there was a case for a specialist wicketkeeper, this was it.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 310 (M A Roseberry 122; K T Medlycott 4 for 91).

Second Innings

D L Haynes b Bicknell	0
M A Roseberry c Ward b Murphy	0
J E Emburey not out	8
*M W Gatting not out	0
Total (2 wkts)	8

M R Ramprakash, K R Brown, †P R Downton, N F Williams, N G Cowans, S P Hughes and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4.

SURREY: First Innings

R I Alikhan b Hughes	20
P D Atkins c Gatting b Hughes	23
G P Thorpe c Tufnell b Emburey	16
†D M Ward c Downton b Hughes	46
M A Lynch b Tufnell	46
*I A Greig b Williams	44
K T Medlycott c Downton b Williams	0
M P Bicknell not out	22
N M Kendrick not out	52
Extras (lb 11, nb 2)	13
Total (7 wkts dec)	282

Score at 100 overs: 227 for 7.

A H Gray and A J Murphy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-53, 3-77, 4-124, 5-206, 6-206, 7-208.

BOWLING: Williams 22-5-57-2; Cowans 21-8-36-0; Tufnell 24-11-57-1; Emburey 24.1-8-58-1; Hughes 16-2-57-3; Gatting 2-0-8-0; Haynes 1-0-4-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Surrey 6.

Umpires K J Lyons and R A White.

Glamorgan pair stand firm

By Richard Streeton

SWANSEA (second day of three): Kent, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 119 runs ahead of Glamorgan

ALAN Butcher and Hugh Morris shared a first wicket stand of 255 yesterday before Glamorgan declared 73 runs behind. It was a commendable attempt by Glamorgan to breathe new life into a match being played on a benign pitch that offered little assistance to bowlers.

This was the fourth century stand for the first wicket that Butcher and Morris have shared this summer, and it followed the 188 they put on at Hove in their previous match.

Only one chance was offered during the 4¾-hour stand. Morris was on 46 and the total at 100 when Hinks missed him at first slip off Ealham.

First thing in the morning, Kent batted another half-hour and lost Taylor before their ordeal in the field, without the injured bowlers, Ellison and Igglesden, began.

Local legend credits Wilf Wooller with the belief that an incoming tide moistened the sandy soil beneath the St Helen's square and helped the ball to swing. The theory was certainly knocked down on this occasion. As the encroaching water covered the nearby beach, Butcher and Morris scored 164 runs from 39 overs between lunch and tea.

They had begun cautiously, with only 61 runs coming as the tide turned before lunch. Butcher began the afternoon with a spate of fours and, for the first time in the match, the average run-rate soon rose above three an over.

By the tea interval, Butcher had made 107 in the session. His only alarm came at 48, shortly after he discarded his helmet, when Fleming hit him on the side of the head. Butcher showed no ill-effects from the blow, and reached his hundred with his seventeenth four.

Morris was 85 at tea and Glamorgan declared as soon as he reached three figures. Butcher faced 262 balls and finished with twenty fours; Morris had 243 balls and ten fours.

KENT: First Innings

*M R Benson lbw b Watkin	17
S G Hinks b Watkin	107
N R Taylor lbw b Watkin	106
T R Ward c Cann b Watkin	3
G R Cowdrey not out	68
†S A Marsh not out	10
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 3, nb 1)	17
Total (4 wkts dec)	328

Score at 100 overs: 263 for 3.

M V Fleming, M A Ealham, C Penn, P S de Villiers and R P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-33, 2-194, 3-210, 4-297.

BOWLING: Watkin 28-5-77-4; Dennis 11-0-39-0; Barwick 26.2-9-72-0; Richards 13-4-34-0; Cowley 33-7-75-0; Cann 1-0-1-0; Butcher 3-1-17-0.

Second Innings

*M R Benson not out	40
S G Hinks c Morris b Dennis	4
R P Davis not out	2
Total (1 wkt)	46

N R Taylor, T R Ward, G R Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, M V Fleming, M A Ealham, C Penn and P S de Villiers to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-23.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher not out	151
H Morris not out	100
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (no wkt, 83.2 overs)	255

M J Cann, I V A Richards, P A Cottey, I Smith, N G Cowley, †C P Metson, S J Dennis, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

BOWLING: De Villiers 17-5-39-0; Penn 14-5-44-0; Fleming 16-1-48-0; Ealham 12.2-2-48-0; Davis 24-4-74-0.

Bonus Points: Glamorgan 4, Kent 3.

Umpires: J H Harris and P B Wight.

Walker to mark time for season

ALAN Walker, the Northamptonshire pace bowler, has decided not to play again this season in an attempt to clear up a long-standing back problem.

Walker will have an operation next week and will not train again for several months. By having surgery now, he hopes to be fit for the start of the 1991 season.

Paul Smith, the Warwickshire all-rounder, has been forced to delay his come-back for a further week after a knee operation.

Smith, who has played only two one-day games this season, had hoped to have recovered sufficiently to play against Worcestershire at Edgbaston this weekend.

After their defeat by France last September, MCC are sending a stronger side to play Standard Athletic at Meudon, Paris, for two one-day matches on June 30 and July 1.

Roger Knight, formerly of Surrey, will captain a side made up of cricketers who play regularly for MCC, including three former Middlesex players in Merry, Miller and Needham. The side will be managed by Clive Hitchcock.

MCC: R D V Knight (captain), G R Black, M G Bodcock, R P Hodson, H L Jenner, R J Lanchbury, W G Merry, A J T Miller, A Needham, M R Newton, R M Wright.

Captain's innings from brave Wells

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ON YET another day which few bowlers will remember with any pleasure — it produced a further eight centuries to swell this season's rapidly lengthening list — no innings was more praiseworthy than that played for Sussex by their acting captain, Colin Wells, as his injury-hit team faced up to Somerset's mammoth 500 for five declared at Taunton.

Wells, who entered at the fall of the fourth wicket at 108, was still there, 92 not out, at the close, when Sussex had clawed their way to 304 for nine, still needing 47 to avoid the follow-on.

The former Durham University batsman, Martin Speight, who made 73, helped Wells put on 98 for the fifth wicket, and Ian Gould stayed while another 64 were added. But only Babington now remains to see Wells to a richly-deserved century.

The Cornishman, Tony Penberthy, aged 20, again proved a thorn in Nottinghamshire's side at Trent Bridge, where the championship leaders had an undistinguished day

Six batsmen passed 25, but none reached 50, and when French and Saxelby threatened a revival, it was nipped in the bud by Penberthy, who followed a career-best 67 on Wednesday by taking three quick wickets and holding a sharp catch.

Northamptonshire, who had a first innings lead of 75, finished in a strong position as a result of a unbroken opening partnership of 117 between Fordham and Felton.

The Zimbabweans allowed Lancashire to change their team on the second day of the game at Old Trafford, to bring in Ronald Irani for his first-class debut because of injuries to Watkinson and Martin, who withdrew from the match. With Wasim Akram withdrawn as a precaution, because of a slight strain, the touring team took full advantage of a weakened attack, Colin Robertson needing no more than 131 minutes for his century as Zimbambe made 376 for six before declaring

Peter Willey's 177, his first century for nearly two years, was followed by a rapid, unbeaten 124 by James Whitaker as Leicestershire ran up 447 for three against Oxford University in the Parks. Cambridge University's healthy 314 for eight declared against a mainly reserve Gloucestershire attack at Fenner's was built around a carefully compiled 116 from Stephen James, of Glamorgan.

Return of Hodges

CAROLE Hodges, the former England captain, is set to regain her place in the national team for the European Cup which will be announced after trials at Leighton Park School, Reading, this weekend. The European Cup will be held in the East Midlands from July 18 to 22 (a Special Correspondent writes).

Hodges, an accomplished all-rounder who has a Test average of 40.87, has decided to return to international competition following a brief retirement after the 1988 World Cup in Australia. Her 23 catches in Test cricket is a world record.

"I still want to prove that I can play at the highest level," she said, "but I would also like to score a 1,000 Test runs. I retired when I had 940 but I'm eager to pass the milestone."

England won the European Cup in Denmark last year and are keen to defend their title against opposition from Ireland, The Netherlands and Denmark. The squad contains 12 players from the team that lost to Australia in the final of the World Cup in Melbourne in 1988.

ENGLAND SQUAD: G Smith, L Nye, M Freeman (Middx), J Siderfin (Thames Valley), L Burnley, A Elder, L Chapman, C Cooke, D Maybury, S Metcalfe, C Taylor, J Powell, J Aspinall (Yorks), M Morales, J Chirnside (Kent), S-J Cooke (Sussex), K Smithies, J Chamberlain, W Watson, J Williams (East Mids), C Barrs, M Nicholls (Surrey), C Wright, S Kitson (East Anglia), C Hodges (Lancs and Cheshire).

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Notts v Northants

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of three): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 192 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 325 (A L Penberthy 67 not out, R J Bailey 65, D Ripley 55).

Second Innings

A Fordham not out	60
N A Felton not out	47
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 1)	10
Total (no wkt)	117

*R J Bailey, G Cook, D J Capel, A L Penberthy, J G Thomas, †D Ripley, W W Davis, A R Roberts and J W Govan to bat.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad b Govan	49
D J R Martindale c Fordham b Thomas	0
*R T Robinson b Capel	30
P Johnson c Thomas b Govan	27
D W Randall run out	37
M Saxelby b Penberthy	42
F D Stephenson b Roberts	11
†B N French c and b Penberthy	3
K E Cooper c Ripley b Penberthy	4
R A Pick c Penberthy b Davis	3
J A Afford not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 9)	14
Total	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-82, 3-84, 4-150, 5-153, 6-176, 7-233, 8-237, 9-246.

BOWLING: Davis 13-1-50-1; Thomas 7-1-41-1; Govan 13-0-56-2; Capel 14-2-45-1; Penberthy 6-0-26-3; Roberts 15-8-27-1.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 6, Northamptonshire 8.

Umpires: J W Holder and A G T Whitehead.

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON (second day of three): Sussex, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 196 runs behind Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook c Gould b C M Wells	197
P M Roebuck c Moores b Babington	27
A N Hayhurst c Babington b Dodemaide	170
*C J Tavaré c and b Babington	28
R J Harden c and b Pigott	51
†N D Burns not out	14
G D Rose not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	9
Total (5 wkts)	500

K P Lefebvre, I G Swallow, N A Mallender and A N Jones did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-319, 3-394, 4-477, 5-487.

BOWLING: Pigott 22-2-117-1. Dodemaide 25-2-115-1; Babington 23-2-109-2; C M Wells 21-1-72-1; Salisbury 17-4-65-0; Lenham 3-0-17-0.

SUSSEX. First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Roebuck	51
J W Hall lbw b Mallender	6
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Rose	0
A P Wells c Burns b Roebuck	18
M P Speight c Rose b Lefebvre	73
*C M Wells not out	92
I J Gould c sub b Rose	30
†P Moores b Rose	1
A C S Pigott c Rose b Swallow	2
I D K Salisbury c Harden b Jones	5
A M Babington not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 12)	18
Total (9 wkts)	304

Score at 100 overs: 269 for 8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-30, 3-54, 4-108, 5-206, 6-268, 7-270, 8-277, 9-291.

Bonus points: Somerset 7, Sussex 4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D S Thompsett.

Lancs v Zimbabweans

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of three): Lancashire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 20 runs behind the Zimbabweans

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 325 dec (N J Speak 138, G D Lloyd 78).

Second Innings

N J Speak not out	31
G D Lloyd not out	38
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	70

S P Titchard, J P Crawley, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, I D Austin, G Yates, I Folley, P J Martin and *†J Stanworth to bat.

ZIMBABWEANS. First Innings

K J Arnott c Stanworth b Akram	0
G W Flower c Crawley b Folley	65
D F Dolphin c Lloyd b Austin	25
C M Robertson c sub b Yates	125
I P Buchart c Speak b Arani	71
*A J Pycroft b Austin	55
†W R James not out	16
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 14)	19
Total (6 wkts dec)	376

A Shah, A J Traicos, K J Duers and L E Dube did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-39, 3-228, 4-228, 5-342, 6-376.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 13-1-46-1; Watkinson 5-2-5-0; Arani 15-3-51-1; Austin 19-5-93-2; Yates 28-5-88-1; Folley 27-7-78-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and D O Oslear.

Camb Univ v Gloucs

FENNER'S (second day of three): Gloucestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Cambridge University

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 252 for 4 dec (I P Butcher 79, J W Lloyds 73 not out, P Bainbridge 61, G D Hodgson 51).

Second Innings

*A J Wright not out	33
G D Hodgson not out	35
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (no wkt)	73

I P Butcher, P Bainbridge, J W Lloyds, P W Romaines, †G A Tacconi, M W Pooley, S N Barnes, M C J Ball and K B S Jarvis to bat.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

S P James c Tedstone b Pooley	116
R Heap c Butcher b Barnes	11
A J Buzza c Ball b Pooley	6
*J C M Atkinson c Hodgson b Ball	72
M L Lowrey c Tedstone b Bainbridge	20
M J Morris c Butcher b Barnes	18
G B A Dyer c Ball b Barnes	1
†J P Arscott c Lloyds b Barnes	13
D H Shuttleboham not out	25
R A J Jenkins not out	3
Extras (b 12, lb 9, nb 8)	29
Total (8 wkts dec)	314

S W Johnson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-38, 3-146, 4-190, 5-226, 6-241, 7-257, 8-304.

BOWLING: Barnes 24-9-65-4; Jarvis 15-2-50-0; Ball 15-4-50-1; Pooley 13-1-51-2; Bainbridge 12-3-33-1; Lloyds 22-5-44-0.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R C Tolchard.

Oxford Univ v Leics

THE PARKS (second day of three): Leicestershire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 268 runs ahead of Oxford University

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 179 (G J Turner 51, M A Crawley 50; D J Millns 5 for 47).

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

J D R Benson b Van de Merwe	94
P Willey b Chauhan	177
B F Smith lbw b Crawley	4
J J Whitaker not out	124
†*P A Nixon not out	16
Extras (lb 12, lb 10, w 5, nb 5)	32
Total (3 wkts)	447

T J Boon, *N E Briers, G J Parsons, M I Gidley, D J Millns and G J F Ferris to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-165, 2-189, 3-380.

Umpires: R Palmer and H J Rhodes.

Salford denial

Salford have denied offering a deal to Victor Costello, the Irish rugby union under-21 forward, who claimed he had rejected a three-year contract from the relegated first division club.

Bright future

Peter Ebdon, widely regarded as Britain's top amateur snooker player, has signed a contract with Mark McCormack's International Management Group.

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GOLF

Leadbetter steps in to give Lyle a new swing to his career

By Mitchell Platts
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	471	4	10	186	3
2	155	3	11	376	4
3	452	4	12	483	5
4	501	5	13	441	4
5	[illegible]	3	14	179	3
6	344	4	15	466	4
7	399	4	16	380	4
8	398	4	17	[illegible]	5
9	450	4	18	502	5
Out	3,361	35	In	3,584	37

Total yardage: 6,945 Par: 72

A NEW-look Sandy Lyle, remodelled and reformed under the watchful eye of the golf teacher, David Leadbetter, will be seen today when the Scot tees off in the first round of the Volvo PGA Championship on the West Course at Wentworth.

Without a tournament victory since the Suntory World Match Play Championship in October 1988, coincidentally also at Wentworth, Lyle has turned to the man responsible for reconstructing the swing of Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, for a similar freshening of his own ailing game.

Leadbetter, after working with Lyle during practice this week, said: "Sandy is a completely different character from Nick, but I honestly believe that, given time, he will start winning again.

"We had a good session on Tuesday, when I gave Sandy two or three fundamentals to work on. In essence, he needs to restore his confidence and he can only do that if he knows in which direction the ball is going.

"Sandy has been standing on the tee not knowing whether it is going to go right or left. My aim is to get him hitting the ball left to right all the time. He needs one shape of shot, so that he at least knows what he is doing wrong when the ball flies into no man's land."

Faldo, who has duelled with Lyle for 15 years to be the best golfer in Britain, believes that his rival has made the best possible decision to employ Leadbetter.

"I miss not having Sandy around as a competitive rival," Faldo said. "It's a fact that we have, over the years, responded to the challenge of each other. But at the moment Sandy is lost. He's got to go through the whole process of getting himself back into contention in a tournament and then to feel the pressure again.

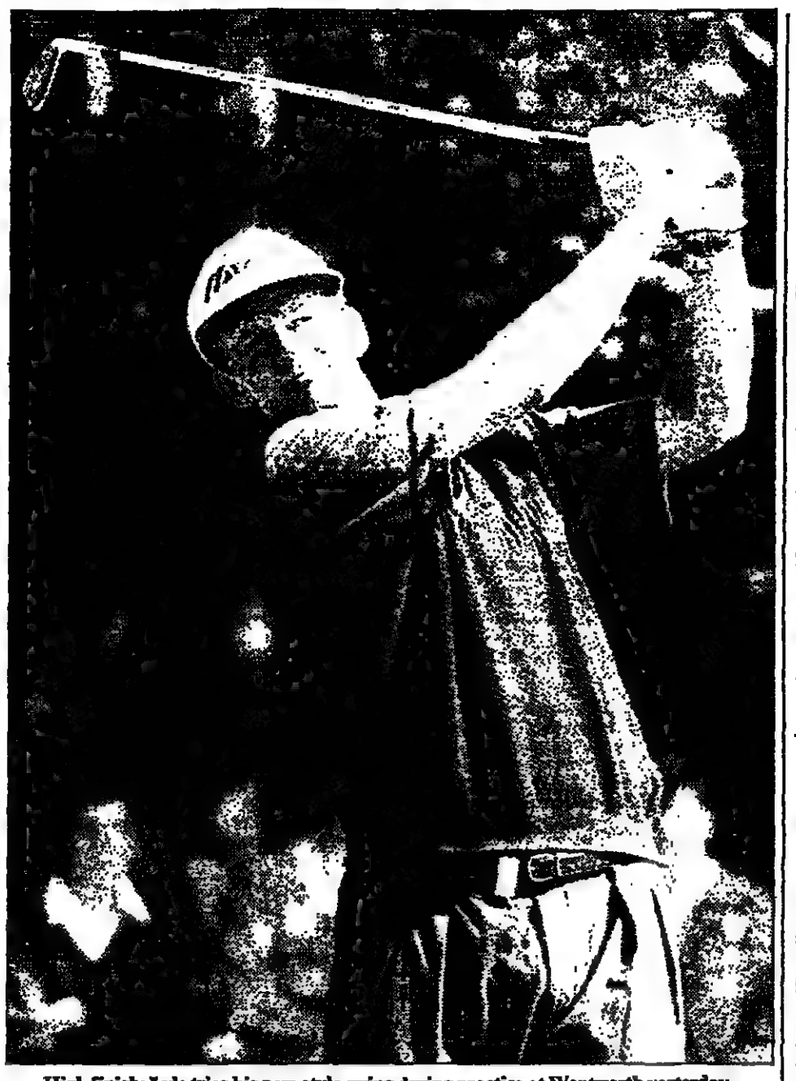
"I can also say that it is not easy, because I did it with David. He makes you exaggerate movements to get them right. He will hear people saying, 'He's off his rocker to be doing that', just as I did, but you've got to ignore the comments of others. I'll be only too pleased to help if Sandy needs me to. I've worked with him in the past on pre-set drills."

Lyle refused to comment on what he will be paying Leadbetter, but admitted: "He is being paid. Quite honestly, it will be worth every penny that I pay him if I get back into the old routine, and I already believe David is getting me back on track. For the first time in a long time, the ball is travelling in the direction that I am aiming."

Faldo is recognized as the best golfer in the world on present form and he is optimistic that he can retain his title this week, and the Dunhill Masters at Woburn next week.

"The course is firm and it will play both short and tricky," Faldo said. "These are drought conditions and nobody can do anything about that. It will be a tactical battle this week and I feel good about my chances.

"It is the start of an important run for me and obviously the US Open next month is on my mind. I believe it is possible to win the grand slam. Let's put it this way — if the bookmakers offered reasonable odds then I would back myself."


High finish: Lyle tries his new-style swing during practice at Wentworth yesterday

Welsh at home for a change

By Chris Smart

THE Tillman Trophy Tournament, which was launched a decade ago mainly for aspiring internationals, breaks new ground today when the 130 competitors line up at Royal Porthcawl, the first Welsh course to stage the event.

James Cook, from Leamington, who took the top award at Hunstanton last year, is defending the trophy and while the clash with the St Andrews Links event has meant several top men are not in the field the entry list is still impressive.

There have been three Welsh winners — Phil Parkin, Paul Mayo and Richard Morris — and there is every possibility of a fourth emerging this weekend with an extremely strong contingent from the principality. James Lee, Andrew Jones, Calvin O'Carroll and John Peters, all Welsh Internationals, will be expected to do well on a course of which they are familiar.

Two players from Zimbabwe, Craig Singleton and David Clayton, add interest. One round is played today, another tomorrow and then the leading 44 go to the final 36 holes on Sunday.

Macdonald blooms as she reaches semi-finals in style

By Patricia Davies

EVERYTHING in the garden was suitably rosy for Fiona Macdonald as she stylishly disposed of Julie Hogg and Sarah Burnell in the first and second rounds of the English women's amateur championship at Rye yesterday but Helen Dobson, the defending champion, looked a little blue, despite digging into her reserves to reach the quarter-finals.

Macdonald, the landscape and garden designer who has been adopted by the members because of her well-publicized exploits in the President's Putter, was clad in pink shorts and a toning sweatshirt embroidered with a little homily about "les fleurs des jardins" and she looked an unlikely executioner. She does not overpower her opponents — inevitably referred to by her elderly gallery as "the other girl" — but smoothly picks them off.

Four up on Hogg after 12, she crushed any faint hopes of a revival by chipping in from 45 yards for a birdie four at the 13th. At the same hole in the afternoon, where she was one up on Burnell, who was proving tenacious and looked like squaring the match, Macdonald rolled in a 30-foot putt from just off the green to keep her lead. Saying it with flowers is fast acquiring a new meaning.

Dobson had to call on all her competitive experience and willpower to overcome Joanne Morley, the Cheshire champion from Sale, at the 19th in the afternoon. Two down after 10 to a very competent player, Dobson won the short 14th with a four-iron to six feet and the 15th, where Morley took three putts. Dobson missed from eight feet for a win at the 16th and from five feet at the 18th, after recovering from a drive into the all-embracing dip on the right of the fairway. However, she holed a four-foot putt to win the 19th with a birdie.

RESULTS: First round: F Macdonald (Frinton-on-Sea) bt J Hogg (Haydock Park), 4 and 3; S Burnell (Burnham and Berrow) bt K Firth (Huddersfield), 2 and 1; L Fletcher (Alnmouth) bt K Shepherd (Guildford Ladies), 2 and 1; K Speak (Clitheroe) lost to A Johns (Boston), 2 and 1; R Bolas (Beau Desert) bt S Keogh (Wyke Green), 2 and 1; J Gentry (Middlesbrough) lost to S Hedges (Royal Cinque Ports), 3 and 1; S Bennett (Colchester) bt A Brighouse (Ormskirk) 2 and 1; T Loveys (Weymouth) lost to S Morgan (Hearsall), 5 and 3; J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) bt W Dicks (Colchester), 1 hole; C Caldwell (Sunningdale) lost to K Tebbet (East Devon), 2 holes; A Uzielli (Berkshire) bt J Walter (St Ives), 3 and 1; E Ratcliffe (Sandiway) lost to S Robinson (Heswall), 3 and 1; L Fairclough (Chorley) bt K Egford (Fairhaven), 8 and 7; C Titcomb (Piltdown) lost to J Brown (Haydock Park), 5 and 4; A MacDonald (Andover) lost to J Morley (Sale), 3 and 2; G Williams (Royal Liverpool Ladies) lost to H Dobson (Seacroft), 4 and 3. Second round: Macdonald bt Burnell, 3 and 2; Fletcher bt Johns, 19th; Bolas lost to Hedges, 1 hole; Bennett bt Morgan, 1 hole; Hall bt Tebbet, 5 and 4; Uzielli bt Robinson, 3 and 2; Fairclough bt Brown, 20th; Morley lost to Dobson, 19th.

Clancy pays for error

GRAINNE Clancy, who gave up cricket after making 10 appearances for Ireland to concentrate on golf, was eliminated from the Lancome Irish championship at The Island yesterday.

Clancy, aged 29, was all square with last year's runner-up, Carol Wickham, after they hit their drives down the 17th fairway. But she made the error of hitting her opponent's ball and, when the error was realised, the penalty was an instant loss of the hole. It was by that one-hole margin that Clancy made her unfortunate first-round exit.

Gillies breezes to brilliant victory

By John Hennessy

COLIN Gillies, the leading Scottish assistant, played a brilliant round yesterday to win the Prince's Challenge. In spite of a fierce wind in the afternoon, dismissed by the locals at Sandwich as a mere breeze, he recorded a fourth round of 66, one shot outside the record for the lay-out of nine holes on Shore and nine on Dunes.

Combined with a level-par 72 in the morning, this gave him a total of 273, 15 under par and nine shots clear of his closest challenger, Joe Higgins, last year's winner, who shot 67 and 72. A true measure of Gillies's final round was that only one of the remaining 51 competitors, Glyn Krause, broke 70.

In winning his biggest prize as a professional, £3,200, Gillies must now reconsider his plans for the season. He had intended to play the lucrative Scottish circuit and prepare to spread his wings by attending the Volvo PGA European Tour school at Montpellier in November.

Yesterday's success has caused him to consider concentrating on the Challenge Series (formerly the Satellite Series) for all the limited opportunities there are for him. The leading five in the Order of Merit automatically gain their player's cards.

Gillies, aged 23, regarded the weather yesterday afternoon as an ally. "The short game is my main strength," he said afterwards, "and when the wind blows like that, everyone is bound to miss some greens."

Gillies began at a sprint, with four birdies in the first five holes. He holed from off the green at the 1st, reached the 511-yard 2nd with a three-iron, and wedged close enough for threes at the 4th and 5th. A 20ft putt for a two at the 8th left his playing-partner, Jeremy Robinson, almost shell-shocked.

The Dunes were much less rewarding. An eight-iron was one club too few at the 5th, his 14th, but a tiddler at the 12th and a monster at the 17th more than made amends.

LEADING SCORES: 273: C Gillies, 69, 66, 72, 66. 282: J Higgins, 76, 69, 67, 70. 284: G Stafford, 72, 71, 71, 70; S Richardson, 72, 69, 70, 73. 286: I Higby, 70, 71, 73, 72. 287: I Spencer, 75, 70, 70, 72; C Suneson, 73, 71, 70, 73; A Hare, 69, 73, 71, 74. 288: G Ralph, 70, 75, 70, 73; S Robertson, 73, 70, 71, 74; L Vannet, 74, 69, 72, 73; S Huxley, 71, 70, 73, 74. 289: G Krause, 73, 73, 74, 69; K Trimble (Aus), 71, 73, 69, 76; A Hunter, 71, 73, 70, 75; D Curry, 69, 70, 72, 78.

FOOTBALL

Dutch confidence soars with signs of Gullit's revival

From David Miller, Vienna

THE re-emergence of Ruud Gullit as a force for Netherlands in the World Cup after three knee operations is as encouraging for the Dutch as it is ominous for the English. His survival for 90 minutes in Milan's European Cup victory here on Wednesday night transforms the potential of the European national champions next month.

Leo Beenhakker, recently appointed Dutch manager following the dismissal of Thijs Libregts, can plan his strategy around one of the most formidable trios in world football: Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, scorer of the only goal when Milan retained their European title against Benfica.

So optimistic is Beenhakker, after witnessing the confirmation of Gullit's recovery, that yesterday he announced the surprise exclusion of Johnny Bosman, the forward who has just been transferred from Mechelen in Belgium to PSV Eindhoven for £1.5 million, from his squad of 22. Bosman left the Dutch training camp in tears.

After a carefully measured performance at three-quarter pace against Benfica, who were unlucky losers of a tense and level final, Gullit said: "I lacked strength in my legs, but I felt no pain in my knee. I was very surprised that I was able to last the full 90 minutes, but I'll have to be patient in regaining full fitness.

"Now it's a matter of moving on to the next game, for Holland against Austria here next Wednesday. If Beenhakker thinks I can bring something extra to the team, then I'm happy to be selected. I'd be prepared to sit on the bench and come on when needed, if that's what he thought best. I'll have to build up my strength by degrees over a month during the World Cup".

Only once or twice on Wednesday night did Gullit fully open the throttle; and twice he missed chances, created by van Basten, that he might normally have taken. Yet he was not hiding from the fray, and what impressed me most was his willingness to jump — and outjump — Benfica defenders around the penalty area, seemingly unconcerned about the impact on his knee when landing.

Rinus Michels, the Dutch manager in 1974 who was recalled for their triumph of two years ago, said: "Gullit was not as sharp as he can be, nor was his shooting, but he impressed me with the amount of running he did during the course of 90 minutes."

Rijkaard, whose advances from midfield critically raised the level of Milan's power in attack after the start of the second half, said: "I honestly didn't think Ruud had come on as far [physically] as he had."

Sacchi, the Milan trainer, relieved that Milan had retained a place in next season's senior European competition after forfeiting his league title in the closing weeks, said: "We knew he was not in top condition, but he's a world star and always will be." Van Basten said what we were all thinking: that it was an important match not merely for Gullit, but for Holland.

The completion of a unique treble in European competition by the clubs of one nation — Milan, Sampdoria and Juventus — was a close-run thing, for Benfica throughout the first half had been at least the equals in tactical wisdom of their opponents. Valdo, the Brazilian, had repeatedly threatened to unhinge Milan's defence, and in the hour before Milan scored the decisive goal, Benfica had forced seven corners to Milan's two.

Major cuts levy to fulfil his promise

By Steve Acteson

JOHN Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday fulfilled his Budget proposal to cut the rate of the football pools betting levy by 2.5 per cent to 40 per cent, thus releasing, over the next five years, an additional prospective £100 million to help refurbish grounds and finance the continuing struggle to eradicate hooliganism.

The cut will be implemented on Monday and will initially last for five years, when it will be reviewed. The extra revenue will be in addition to the £75 million already earmarked for professional football in the next decade by the Football Trust.

Major, who made the announcement in a written answer to a Parliamentary question, said: "I am delighted that the football authorities have responded positively to my Budget proposal.

"The extra money available will allow clubs to invest in better facilities; improving spectator comfort and helping to ensure that disasters like Hillsborough do not recur."

The money will be spent on improving Football League and Scottish Football League grounds and on the three national stadiums: Wembley, Hampden Park and Windsor Park.

Fears were also allayed yesterday that the probable £3 million to £4 million a year generated for ground improvements from the League's 5 per cent levy on transfer fees could be subject to a 35 per cent rate of Corporation Tax.

The Football League chief executive, Arthur Sandford, will report to the annual meeting in London on June 1 that the monies will not attract taxation. Payments can be made to clubs in grants through the Football Trust, which will retain any surplus on January 31 each year in order that the League does not become liable for taxation.

RUGBY UNION

Romanians overrun France

From David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
AUCH, FRANCE

France 6
Romania 12

IF THIS was revolution, then the Romanians could do with more of it. Gone was the lacklustre display encountered by England and Scotland last year as the Romanians recorded an historic first victory on French soil yesterday — the soil, moreover, which is particularly associated with Jacques Fouroux, who for so long coached France and is now their manager.

In Fouroux's home town of Auch, the Gascon capital, Romania and the weather put the finishing touches to France's inglorious international season. The rain poured down, inhibiting adventure and finesse but contributing to the mounting excitement as Romania held their ground against a second half rally to win by three penalty goals and a dropped goal to two penalties — to singular appreciation from a generous crowd.

It was a sad conclusion to the distinguished career of Philippe Dintrans. Captain of France in his fiftieth and final international, Dintrans, once the most feared hooker in Europe, was part of a pack which backpedalled in all phases of play once the Romanians had settled to their gameand never matched the concerted Romanian driving in the loose.

Gelu Ignat dominated proceedings: the stand-off half whose tactical kicking helped destroy Wales 18 months ago was involved in everything, good and bad, that Romania did. Despite obvious limitations imposed by a strained hamstring, he kicked all Romania's points and constantly drove back France whenever they came near the Romanian 22.

Had the Romanian back row not tended to concede penalties through over-eagerness, the difference might have been greater. Ignat kicked his first two penalties from 50 and 40 metres respectively while his third, just before the interval, when the French scrum collapsed, underlined an area of critical French weakness not improved even when Ondarts replaced Gaillard.

Romania went close to a try before France gave Lescarboura the kicking duties and he chipped over two penalties. But though Chirila was grounded just short, Ignat screwed over a dropped goal and France never looked to have the cohesion to prevent only Romania's eighth victory since internationals between the countries began in 1924. It is an ill-omen for France to take on tour with them to Australia next month.

SCORERS: France: Penalty goals: Lescarboura (2). Romania: Penalty goals: Ignat (3). Dropped goal: Ignat.

FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz); P Hontas (Biarritz), J-C Langlade (Hyères), P Saint-André (Montferrand), D Camberabero (Béziers); J-P Lescarboura (Dax), H Sanz (Narbonne); M Pujolle (Nice), P Dintrans (Tarbes, capt), P Gaillard (Béziers, rep: P Ondarts, Biarritz), O Roumat (Dax), J Condom (Biarritz), G Bourguignon (Narbonne), T Janeczek (Tarbes), Y Devergie (Nîmes).

ROMANIA: M Dumitru (Rapid Bucharest); M Toader (Dinamo Bucharest), A Lungu (Dinamo), N Fulina (Baia Mare), S Chirila (Polytechnica Iasi); G Ignat (Steaua Bucharest), D Neaga (Dinamo); G Leonte (Steaua), G Ion (Dinamo), G Dumitrescu (Steaua), G Dinu (Grivita Rosie), S Ciorascu (Baia Mare), C Cojocariu (Dinamo), H Dumitras (Contactoare Buzau, capt), A Radulescu (Steaua).
Referee: I Bullerwell (England).

● WINDHOEK: Only five players remain from the side that beat an invitation XV 73-0 on Tuesday, for the second match of Wales's tour of Namibia against Namibia B here on Saturday (Owen Jenkins writes). Although not the strongest combination, the team is only three or four players away from the likely Test side.

WALES: P Thorburn; S Ford, S Parfitt, A Bateman, A Emyr; A Clement, C Bridges; M Griffiths, K Phillips (capt), J Pugh, R Phillips, S Williams, P Arnold, M Jones, M Morris. Replacements: K Gregory, P Knight, O Williams, S Fealey, A Williams, M Ring.

HOCKEY

Ealing in Edinburgh for Europe

By Joyce Whitehead

EALING, preparing to win the European women's clubs championship next month at their third attempt, have their final training this weekend in the Edinburgh international tournament at Crammond.

The teams taking part are: Portadown (Ireland), Scotland Under-21, Edinburgh Gymnasts (the third top club in Scotland), Edinburgh, Guytech Western and Ealing. It will certainly not be a rest cure. Ealing play at 10.15 and 12.15 on Saturday and three matches next day, starting at 9.30.

This weekend they will be without Mandy Langridge, a member of the England World Cup squad now on her way home from Australia, Joan Lewis, who sustained a knee injury in Australia, and Sue Lawrie, goalkeeper, who recently broke a finger. Their places will be taken by June Lewis (Joan's sister), Tracey Scott and Carolyn Harden.

EALING SQUAD: K Dodd (captain), A Green, C Harden, A Parsloe, J Brittin, S Hobden, L Moors, S Goodwin, M Allen, C Vaux, J Hurt, S Pearson, N Pearson, J Lewis, J Jagger, T Scott.

SPORT ON TELEVISION

Moody moves to BSB sport

By Peter Ball

BRITISH Satellite Broadcasting (BSB)is changing its head of sport less than two months after the station's launch. Roger Moody, the sport contracts manager of BSB, will replace Andrew Croker.

Croker, the son of the former secretary of the Football Association, Ted Croker, is leaving to start his own independent sports promotions business after two years in the job, helping to set up the satellite's sports channel.

"It's a perfectly amicable parting," the head of BSB's Now Channel, Bob Hunter, said yesterday. "Andrew's main job was acquiring rights, and most of the deals are now in place for the next one or two years. Also, he felt it was time to move on to the next challenge."

Moody, whose departure from the BBC was almost instantaneous with the news breaking yesterday, will work with Croker for a transitional period, but his appointment indicates that the job is to be mainly an administrative one.

Of possibly greater long-term consequence for television sport is the news that Granada and Central, the two main regional companies, are pulling out of the network programme, Midweek Sports Special, next season. Instead, both will run their own regional programmes, almost certainly concentrating entirely on football, except when network contracts for snooker have to be honoured.

"Granada and Central have decided to run local programmes as part of their bid to win back their franchises," Bob Burrows, the Thames head of sport and the chairman of the ITV sports committee, said, yesterday, "and they are out to maximize what we have available to us under our football contract with the League."

The decision, however, also reflects some disenchantment within the regions for the existing format, with boxing, gymnastics and ice skating all likely to find themselves no longer shown in the North West or Midlands on a Wednesday evening.

Thames, which makes Midweek Sports Special, was putting a brave face on things yesterday, insisting that it was excited by the prospect of relaunching the programme for the rest of the network, which will continue to take the London offering. "We will relaunch the programme with a new look," Burrows said. "We are keen to develop the personality side of the show."

YACHTING

Frustrated crews still all at sea

By Barry Pickthall

AFTER the current swept five more finishers across the Southampton line at the end of the Whitbread Round the World Race late on Wednesday, the calms continued to frustrate crews still at sea.

Bob Salmon, the skipper of the British maxi, Liverpool Enterprise, was still becalmed off Swanage, 41 miles from the finish last night after predicting he would arrive at Ocean Village by opening time. He faces a time addition for the period the engine was used during a perceivedkidney transplant emergency.

Four hundred miles out in the Atlantic, freshening winds have helped Maiden close the gap on their leading Division 3 rivals on L'Esprit de Liberté.

LATEST FINISHERS (sixth and final leg, Fort Lauderdale to Southampton): Maxi division: 1, Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ), 17days 00hr 23min; 2, Fisher & Paykel (G Dalton, NZ), 17:00:59; 3, Merit (P Fehlmann, Switz), 17:02:43; 4, Rothmans (L Smith, GB), 17:12:50; 5, The Card (R Nilson, Swe), 17:19:07; 6, Belmont Finland (H Harkimo, Fin), 17:20:35; 7, Fortuna (J Santana, Sp), 17:21.44; 8, Fazisi (V Alexeyev, USSR), 18:04:21; 9, UBF Finland (L Ingvall, Fin), 18:06:08; 10, NCB Ireland (J English, Ire), 18:12:25; 11, Gatorade ([illegible], It), 18:15:44; 12, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 18:18:01. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauta, Neth), 18:10:09. Overall: 1, Steinlager 2, 128:09:40; 2, Fisher & Paykel, 129:21:18; 3, Merit, 130:10:10; 4, Rothmans, 131:04:54; 5, The Card, 135:07:15; 6, Charles Jourdan, 136:15:14; 7, Fortuna, 137:09:14; 8, Gatorade, 138:14:30; 9, UBF Finland, 138:16:38; 10, Belmont Finland, 139:04:31; 11, Fazisi, 139:08:01; 12, NCB Ireland, 139:19:22. Division 2: Equity & Law, 148:23:50.

OTHER POSITIONS (at 14:19 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): Maxi division: 13, Satquote British Defender (C Watkins, GB), 496; Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 41 (subject to time correction). Division 3: 1, L'Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarly, Fr), 449; 2, Schlussel von Bremen (H Muller-Rohlk, WG), 473; 3, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois, Bel), 476; 4, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 485; 5, La Poste ([illegible], Fr), 528. Cruiser division: 1, Creightons Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 127; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 882.

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POLO

Windsor fight back well to secure victory

By John Watson

THE Challenge for the high-goal Queen's Cup continued at Windsor Great Park yesterday with a League One encounter in which Windsor Park beat Labegorce 9-6, and a 12-8 win for Champagne Pommery against Ellerston White in League Two.

In a match which was also for the Powersports Trophy, Hubert Perrodo's Labegorce started one goal up on handicap, and with further goals from Lucas and the eight-goal player, Gastambide, they led 3-0 by the end of the first chukka. However, in the second, Windsor's patron, Kent, who had an outstanding game, scored twice.

The third chukka went Labegorce's way, but in the fourth, Tassara and Galindo, using the boards to great effect, combined to score another goal for Windsor. Kent made it 5-5, and Tassara gave Windsor the lead. Windsor were by now better co-ordinated, and they went on to secure a three-goal winning margin.

WINDSOR PARK: 1, G Kent, 4; 2, H Galindo, 8; 3, N Tassara, 6; back, Prince of Wales, 4.
LABEGORCE: 1, H Perrodo, 1; 2, J Lucas, 5; 3, S Gastambide, 8; back, S Macaire, 7.
ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, A Wade, 3; 2, A Pieres, 10; 3, G Tanoira, 8; back, K Packer, 1.
CHAMPAGNE POMMERY: 1, W Lucas, 6; 2, A Seavill, 5; 3, J Horswell, 6; back, J Alberdi, 6.

ROWING

Oriel lose advantage

UNIVERSITY College went head of the Oxford summer eights yesterday, forcing Oriel ignominiously to concede the bump in front of their own boathouse (a Special Correspondent writes).

Christ Church caught New College, moving up into third place and threatening further ascent before the week is out.

Men

FIRST DIVISION: University bpd Oriel, Christ Church bpd New College, Balliol bpd Worcester, Brasenose bpd Hertford.
SECOND DIVISION: Jesus bpd Magdalen, Wolfson bpd Trinity, St Peter's bpd New College II.
THIRD DIVISION: LMH bpd Corpus Christi; Merton bpd Osler House; SEH II bpd Hertford II; Balliol II bpd Worcester II.
FOURTH DIVISION: Lincoln II bpd Linacre, Osler House II bpd Wadham II, Jesus II bpd Queen's II.
FIFTH DIVISION: Wolfson II bpd University III, Balliol III bpd Worcester III, Christ Church III bpd Keble III.
SIXTH DIVISION: St Catherine's III bpd LMH II, Exeter III bpd University IV, Oriel IV bpd Hertford III, Keble IV bpd Pembroke III, New College IV bpd Oriel V.
SEVENTH DIVISION: Queen's III bpd St Anne's II, Wadham III bpd Brasenose III, Worcester IV bpd Templeton, Magdalen III bpd St Catherine's IV, St Hugh's double overbpd Hertford IV.
EIGHTH DIVISION: St Hugh's bpd SEH IV, Oriel VI bpd Jesus III, Pembroke IV bpd Christ Church V, Magdalen V bpd St Peter's III, St Hugh's III bpd Oriel VII.
NINTH DIVISION: Osler House III bpd Oriel VIII, Christ Church VI bpd St John's IV, Hertford V bpd Oriel IX.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Somerville bpd Osler House, Pembroke bpd Wadham, Wolfson bpd St Hugh's, St Anne's bpd Jesus.
SECOND DIVISION: Keble bpd Lincoln, Christ Church bpd Corpus Christi, Somerville II bpd St Hughes II, Magdalen bpd SEH, St John's bpd Worcester.
THIRD DIVISION: St John's bpd Balliol, Trinity bpd Queen's, Brasenose II bpd LMH 2, Oriel bpd St Peter's, Exeter bpd St Hugh's 3.
FOURTH DIVISION: Mansfield bpd New College II, St Catherine's II bpd St Hilda's II, Wolfson II bpd Wadham II, Osler House II bpd University II, Pembroke II bpd Oriel II, Somerville III overbpd Hertford II.
FIFTH DIVISION: Keble II bpd SEH II, LMH III bpd Balliol II, St Anne's II bpd Pembroke III, Lincoln II overbpd Magdalen II, New College III bpd St John's II.

Today's starting order

Men

FIRST DIVISION: University, Oriel, Christ Church, New College, SEH, St John's, Pembroke, Balliol, Worcester, Keble, Wadham, Brasenose.
SECOND DIVISION: Hertford, Jesus, Magdalen, St Catherine's, Lincoln, Oriel 2, Wolfson, Trinity, St Peter's, New College II, Queen's, University II.
THIRD DIVISION: LMH, Corpus Christi, Merton, Osler House, Christ Church II, SEH II, Hertford II, Balliol II, Worcester II, St Anne's, Oriel III.
FOURTH DIVISION: Mansfield, Exeter, Brasenose II, St John's II, Keble II, Lincoln II, Linacre, Pembroke II, St Catherine's II, Exeter II, Osler House II, Wadham II, Jesus II.
FIFTH DIVISION: Queen's II, Magdalen II, New College III, Trinity II, Wolfson II, University III, Balliol III, Worcester III, Christ Church III, Keble III, St Peter's II, Merton II.
SIXTH DIVISION: SEH III, St Catherine's 3, LMH 2, Exeter 3, University 4, Lincoln 3, Oriel 4, Hertford 3, Keble 4, Pembroke 3, New College 4, Oriel 5.
SEVENTH DIVISION: Corpus Christi 2, Christ Church 4, St John's 3, Queen's 3, St Anne's 2, Wadham 3, Brasenose 3, St Hugh's, Worcester 4, Templeton, Magdalen 3, St Catherine's 4.
EIGHTH DIVISION: Hertford 4, SEH 4, Oriel 6, Jesus 3, Magdalen 4, St Hugh's 2, Pembroke 4, Christ Church 5, Lincoln 4, Magdalen 5, St Peter's 3, St Hugh's 3.
NINTH DIVISION: Oriel 7, Osler House 3, Oriel 8, Balliol 4, Wolfson 3, St Antony's, New College 5, Christ Church 6, St John's 4, Pembroke 5, Hertford 5, Oriel 9, Corpus Christi 3.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Somerville, Osler House, Pembroke, Wadham, Brasenose, LMH, New College, Wolfson, St Hugh's, University, St Anne's, Jesus.
SECOND DIVISION: St Hilda's, St Catherine's, Christ Church, Keble, Lincoln, Corpus Christi, Somerville II, St Hugh's II, Hertford, Magdalen, SEH, St John's.
THIRD DIVISION: Worcester, Balliol, Linacre, Trinity, Queen's, Brasenose 2, LMH 2, Merton, Oriel, St Peter's, Exeter, St Hugh's 3.
FOURTH DIVISION: Mansfield, New College II, St Catherine's 2, St Hilda's 2, Wolfson 2, Wadham 2, Osler House 2, University 4, Somerville, Pembroke 2, Oriel 2, Hertford 2.
FIFTH DIVISION: Christ Church 2, Keble 2, SEH 2, LMH 3, Balliol 2, Worcester 2, Lincoln 2, St Anne's 2, Pembroke 3, Magdalen 2, St Hilda's 3, New College 3, St John's 2.

CYCLING

Bugno further ahead in Giro

VALLOMBROSA (Reuter) — Gianni Bugno held off the Frenchman, Charly Mottet, to win the seventh stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday and extend his overall lead to 72 seconds.

RESULT: Seventh stage, Fabriano to Vallombrosa: 1, G Bugno (It), 5hr 15min 23sec; 2, P Ugrumov (USSR), same time; 3, C Mottet (Fr), at 3sec; 4, M Lejarretta (Sp); 5, F Echave (Sp); 6, J Halupczok (Pol); 7, D Steiger (Switz); 8, F Chioccioli (It), all same time; 9, E Boyer (Fr), at 9; 10, M Moro (It), 50. Overall: 1, Bugno 32:57:09; 2, Steiger at 1min 12sec; 3, Halupczok 1:24; 4, Lejarretta 1:25; 5, Echave 1:33; 6, Ugrumov 1:40; 7, Mottet 1:47; 8, Chioccioli 2:00; 9, Boyer 2:03; 10, E Chozas (Sp), 2:12.

IN BRIEF

Cautious Doyle

TONY Doyle, the European all-round track cycling champion, still recovering following a crash last November, which kept him out of action for three months, will not compete in the seventh round of the Scottish Provident League at Cardiff tonight.

Investigation

The eligibility of Andy Lloyd, the Australian Commonwealth 5,000 metres athletics champion, who competed for Belgrave Harriers in a British League first division match earlier this month, is to be investigated by the Southern Counties AAA.

Good start

The British show-jumpers, Nick Skelton and James Fisher, took second and third places in the Schweppes prize, the opening class in the fiftieth Nations Cup meeting in Lucerne yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 3; Montreal Expos 4, San Diego Padres 0; Houston Astros 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; San Francisco Giants 6, St Louis Cardinals 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 6, Baltimore Orioles 3; Kansas City Royals 4, Boston Red Sox 1; Detroit Tigers 5, Texas Rangers 1; New York Yankees 12, Minnesota Twins 0; Oakland A's 12, Milwaukee Brewers 8; Seattle Mariners 4, Cleveland Indians 1; California Angels 5, Toronto Blue Jays 4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Western Conference finals: Portland Trail Blazers 108, Phoenix Suns 107 (Portland lead best-of-seven series, 2-0).

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Northampton: Northamptonshire 331 (D J Wild 107, P Berry 72) v Sussex. Brentwood: Kent 310 (V J Wells 121, J [illegible] 67; W G Lovell 4-98); Essex 60-4. Moseley: Warwickshire 181 (J Batty 5-61); Yorkshire 121-6 (R G Twose 5-56). Guildford: Surrey 175 (M A Feltham 61); Glamorgan 125-2 (S Mohammed 60 not out). Kidderminster: Worcestershire 446-3 dec (P Bent 174, D A Leatherdale 119 not out, G J Lord 94); Hampshire 26-1. Heanor: Derbyshire 226 (G T Headley 110; M G Field-Buss 4-14); Nottinghamshire 111-2 (S M Brogan 80 not out).
OTHER MATCH: Aldershot (55 overs): MCC Young Cricketers 217-5 (Heaton 86); Army 201 (Greatorex 64; Marriott 4-30). MCC won by 16 runs.

FOOTBALL

TOULON: Under-21 tournament: England 7, France 3; Portugal 1, Soviet Union 0.
TOUR MATCH: Vancouver 86ers 2, Bournemouth 2.

TENNIS

BOLOGNA: Men's tournament: First round: O Camporese (It) bt C Motta (Br), 6-0, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt G Bloom (Isr), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Second round: G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt X Daufresne (Fr), 6-0, 6-0; T Witsken (US) bt M Strelba (Cz), 7-6, 6-1; L Dawson (US) bt P Cane (It), 7-5, 6-3; V Martinek (WG) bt B Romano (It), 6-4, 6-4; A Grossman (US) bt G Magers (US), 6-3, 6-4; M Paz (Arg) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-1, 6-4; F Labat (Arg) bt W Probst (WG), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.
DÜSSELDORF: World Team Cup round-robin tournament: Argentina bt Sweden, 3-0 (Swedish names first): S Edberg lost to M Jaite, 6-3, 2-6, 4-6; J Svensson lost to A Mancini, 4-6, 2-6; Edberg and M Gustafsson lost to J Frana and C Miniussi, 3-6, 6-7. Yugoslavia bt Austria, 3-0 (Yugoslav names first): G Ivanisevic bt O Fuchs, 6-4, 6-2; G Prpic bt A Antonitsch, 6-1, 6-1; Prpic and S Zivojinovic bt Fuchs and T Buchmayer, 7-6, 6-3.
BRADFORD: LTA national ratings tournament: Tableau finals: Third round: B Kumar bt S Thomas, 2-6, 6-3, 8-6. Quarter-finals: I Stott bt P Bretherton, 6-0, 6-2.

CYCLING

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT LEAGUE: Sixth round (Bradford): 1, D Mann (PCA), 1hr 3min 43sec; 2, D Rayner (Banana-Falcon); 3, J Clay (PCA); 4, B Burns (Ever Ready-Halfords); 5, H McMurdo ([illegible]); 6, R Holden (Banana-Falcon), all same time. Overall: 1, Rayner, 126pts; 2, C Lillywhite (Banana-Falcon), 116; 3, C Walker (Banana-Falcon), 114; 4, J McLoughlin (Ever Ready-Halfords), 95; 5, J Walshaw (Crown-Charles), 94; 6, R Williams (Ever Ready-Halfords), 77. Sprints: 1, Walker, 58; 2, Rayner, 29.

RACKETS

MONTREAL CLUB CENTENARY INVITATION DOUBLES: Second round: J Prenn (GB) and D McEntyre (Can) bt P Mallinson (GB) and G Milne (GB), 15-1, 15-2.

YACHTING

SPA OLYMPIC REGATTA: Soling: 1, J Schumann (EG); 2, H Neuck (EG); 3, G Charles (GB). Other British placings: 17, S Pyatt; 18, R Bowman; 30, G Barker. Star: 1, R Benamati (It); 2, B Andersen (Den); 3, P Peet (Neth). British placing: 16, J Greenwood. Flying Dutchman: 1, E Angeletti (It); 2, T Berger (Fr); 3, J Moller (Den). British placings: 11, W Henderson; 13, R Tushingham; 18, C Maxfield. 470: Men: 1, P Leskinen (Fin); 2, B Taylor (GB); 3, N Buckley (GB). Other British placings: 22, P Brotherton; 38, S Irish; 42, S Rees-Jones. 470: Women: 1, S Meyer (WG); 2, N Pique (Sp); 3, M Azon (Sp). British placing: 10, D Jarvis; 26, A Best. Finn: 1, L Lemieux (Can); 2, E Vaccari (It); 3, H Spitzauer (Austria). Europe: Men: 1, G Lauwener (Bel); 2, J Gaudernack (Fr); 3, M Koning (Neth). Europe: Women: 1, K Ekeland (Nor); 2, S Landi (It); 3, H Gurvin (Nor). British placings: 47, C [illegible]; 49, T [illegible]; 51, C Jones. Tornado: 1, R [illegible] (Neth); 2, D Sweeney (Can); 3, A Dijkstra (Neth). British placings: 6, K Furniss; 8, D Williams; 11, S Dodgson. Olympic sailboard: Men: 1, Steele (US); 2, Belloc (Fr); 3, Asserbaeck (WG). British placings: 8, Plumb; 38, Thomas; 59, Aldridge. Olympic Sailboard: Women: 1, Fenner (US); 2, Way (GB); 3, Geubels (Bel).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: James Bay (Canada) 16, Aberavon 18.

SQUASH RACKETS

VALE DO LOBO: Portuguese Open: Men: Quarter-finals: C Robertson (Aus) bt P Marshall (Eng), 9-5, 9-6, 9-1; B Beeson (Eng) bt P Kenyon (Eng), 6-9, 9-2, 9-1, 4-9, 9-5; Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt M Bodimeade (Eng), 10-8, 9-5, 10-8; P Carter (Eng) w/o C Dittmar (Aus), scr. Women: Quarter-finals: M Le Moignan (Eng) bt S Wright (Eng), 9-6, 9-3, 9-4; A Cumings (Eng) bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth), 9-7, 9-3, 9-3; S Horner (Eng) bt C Jackman (Eng), 9-2, 9-6, 9-3; L Soutter (Eng) bt T Myllymemi (Fin), 9-0, 9-1, 9-1.

Robson's decision ill-timed for England

David Miller

THOSE with the welfare of England's World Cup team at heart are much less concerned with the muddle in the affairs of Bobby Robson's private life, and his new personal ambitions in the Netherlands, than with the muddle in England's selection and formations on the field.

It would have been better for the team if the Football Association had either terminated his appointment following the poor performance in the European championship two years ago, or accepted his alleged offer of resignation a year ago, at the time of the original revelations of alleged peccadilloes.

Either decision would have enabled a new manager to introduce a steadying continuity of policy which has been absent — never mind a string of unbeaten matches only just terminated by Uruguay — and which, in my opinion, undermines England's prospects next month.

The timing of the announcement of Robson's departure after the World Cup, though carrying none of the secrecy of Don Revie's infamous defection 13 years ago during the qualifying competition, could hardly be worse. It puts an additional burden of responsibility on senior players, on the captain in particular. Yet rumours of dressing-room anarchy, during both the World Cup finals of 1986 and the European finals of two years ago, substantiated to a degree, were such as to question the manager's input of morale.

What Robson has done, like Revie, is to reduce the management of the national team to a mere commercial exercise. One job is about to end, grab a better one while the going is good. It is beside the point for him to draw comparison with Menotti or Michels, who had subsequent jobs aligned at the time they respectively won the World Cup and European championship in 1978 and 1988. The way that Robson has handled this, allowing for the fact that he has been pressurised into an announcement by PSV, smacks of opportunism.

He was happy enough to have a contract with the FA that extended until next year. I doubt if the players, most of whom are equally financially expedient these days, will reflect on his actions too critically. Yet the nation, even in these mercenary times, expects something more dignified from the man who leads the national team.

Of course, Robson is happy, indeed glad, now to go because it is eminently convenient. Irrespective of further allegations concerning his private life, it is expected that this weekend he and PSV Eindhoven will confirm his appointment for next season at a salary of between £200,000 and £250,000 a year (he receives about £100,000 from the FA). He will replace the recently dismissed Guus Hiddink, the coach of PSV when they beat Benfica, on penalties, in the European Cup final of 1988 in Stuttgart.

If an obvious, inspirational figure was instantly available, such as Jack Charlton, it would be in the FA's, and England's, interest immediately to release Robson from his contract and have a fresh figurehead for Italy. Robson has twice shown a failure to bring England to a peak and to produce a team, away from home, in which the sum of the whole was greater than the sum of the parts. Yet such ruthless action is not the way of the FA.

The time for a short-term injection of Brian Clough's brand of intimidatory inspiration, for so long the popular choice, is long past; and a sudden international career for him now might be as imperfect as his 40-day reign at Leeds United.

Frankly, in the short term, almost anyone is capable of managing a national team. The massed bands of the England selectors, 30 years and more ago, did as good or poor a job as Revie, such an outstanding club manager. Joe Mercer, temporary replacement for the dismissed Sir Alf Ramsey in 1974, had instant relative success on tour that summer against East Germany, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

In other words, outstanding national managers are rare; average is the norm. So-called great managers depend on the coincident concurrence of five or six World Cup players; Ramsey had this, Robson has not. But Robson has failed to give the continuity of tactical system that Ramsey did. He may well recapture with PSV the success he enjoyed with Ipswich Town, having the advantage of a stable club squad in which selection is not the haphazard, arbitrary problem it is for a national manager and which Robson, like Revie and at times Ron Greenwood, has never really fathomed.

In 11 years with Ipswich, operating on a small budget in which the most expensive player purchased was Paul Mariner, Robson showed a grasp of tactics that placed both team and club on a firm footing. His initiative in signing Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren from the Netherlands set a trend, and he was unfortunate not to have won more titles than one FA Cup and one UEFA Cup.

In the present state of flux, England's performance in Italy will depend as much on the character of our players as their ability, but either way they will do well to reach the quarter-final for the second time in succession.

Meanwhile, the FA has to decide sooner than it had expected on a successor. Graham Taylor is thought to be the favourite, with Howard Kendall and Terry Venables close on his heels. Although Taylor was for a time the England Youth team manager while with Watford, it cannot be said that up to now he has done enough to justify his selection, having won nothing at the highest level. Aston Villa's bid for the League title disintegrated during the run-in. Taylor is a fine coach, though I would wonder whether he is capable of withstanding the public pressures which inevitably hound the national manager.

Kendall, having worked with Athletic Bilbao in Spain and having behind him a winning record with Everton, seems to me the better equipped and is the more dogmatic and wilful man, qualities not inappropriate for the job. Venables, who had seemed a favourite when winning the Spanish League with Barcelona four years ago, has not improved his reputation during his formative and as yet unsuccessful seasons with Tottenham Hotspur.

For anyone, it is a thankless task, the impossible being expected by the public in a job where the working conditions are positively obstructive to producing coherent play. Men such as Ramsey, with that inner will-power and strength of mind, come only occasionally.

A sad and angry Robson to resign after World Cup

By Dennis Signy

BOBBY Robson's eight-year tenure as manager of the England football team will end on July 8 after the World Cup finals, whether or not his side wins the trophy. Robson, aged 57, will then join PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch club and former European Cup winners, as manager on a two-year contract said to be worth £500,000.

Robson told *The Times* that he had not resigned but felt he was "up for grabs" following a statement by an official of the Football Association that he had to win the World Cup. It seems clear that he decided to take the position with PSV as he felt that he had no long-term future as England manager.

Robson has strong links with The Netherlands. When he was manager of Ipswich Town, he signed Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren, the Dutch internationals. While in charge as England manager, Robson twice rejected overtures from Barcelona and had repeated offers from home and abroad, but always insisted: "I am a patriot. I am passionate about the national side being successful."

A grim-faced Robson, accompanied by Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, and Glen Kirton, head of external affairs, explained that his decision to go — he emphasised that he had never offered his resignation to the FA — followed a recent approach by PSV.

He went "openly and honestly" to see Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, who said it was unlikely that Robson's contract, which still has a year to run, would be extended.

"He gave me permission to speak to PSV," Robson said. "Those negotiations continued. We agreed to keep quiet until after the announcement of the England World Cup squad and until the team had left for the finals."

Robson added: "I am exceptionally angry and terribly disappointed to be leaving but PSV wanted an early decision."

He said he told the FA last Friday of his decision to leave after the World Cup finals and, on Tuesday, he and Kelly decided to announce the news simultaneously in Sardinia, London and The Netherlands on Monday.

Robson went on to say there was no truth in the stories that had appeared in some publications, at which point Robson shouted "garbage".

Robson said he was "absolutely stunned" when he heard on Thursday that the story was appearing and he and Kelly both denied it to the newspaper concerned.

Robson, at times excitable and angry, said: "We tried to do the thing cleanly and nicely but now some of you have ruined that at a very timely moment as we've got to try and win the World Cup. I am appalled at the stories in the Press today. They are scurrilous, lies, lies."

"We are hopeful that the players will now be allowed to get on with the job of competing in the World Cup finals," Kelly said.

He declined to discuss the protocol of appointing a successor to Robson, saying an announcement would be made when the situation was finalized. "It is not our intention to make any announcement along the road," he added.

ROBERT WILLIAM ROBSON

Born: Feb 18, 1933, Langley Park, Co Durham. A miner's son, one of five brothers. He has been married to Elsie for 35 years; they have three sons, Paul, Andrew and Mark.

Career details: As a player: 1950: Joined Fulham, 152 League appearances, 68 goals. 1956: Joined West Bromwich Albion, 239 League appearances, 56 goals. 1962: Rejoined Fulham, 193 League appearances, 9 goals. Released May 1967.

Honours: 20 appearances for England, one under-23 cap, seven appearances in Football League representative matches.

As a manager: Joined Vancouver Whitecaps. Jan 1968: Returned to Fulham as manager. Nov 1968: Sacked by Fulham. Jan 1969: Appointed manager of Ipswich Town. July 1982: Resigned to become England manager. **Honours:** With Ipswich: FA Cup winners, 1978; UEFA Cup winners, 1981; First division runners-up, 1980-81, 1981-82. **Record as England manager:** 87 matches, 44 wins, 26 draws, 17 defeats, 145 goals for, 53 against. Qualified for World Cup finals 1986 and 1990; European championship finals 1988.

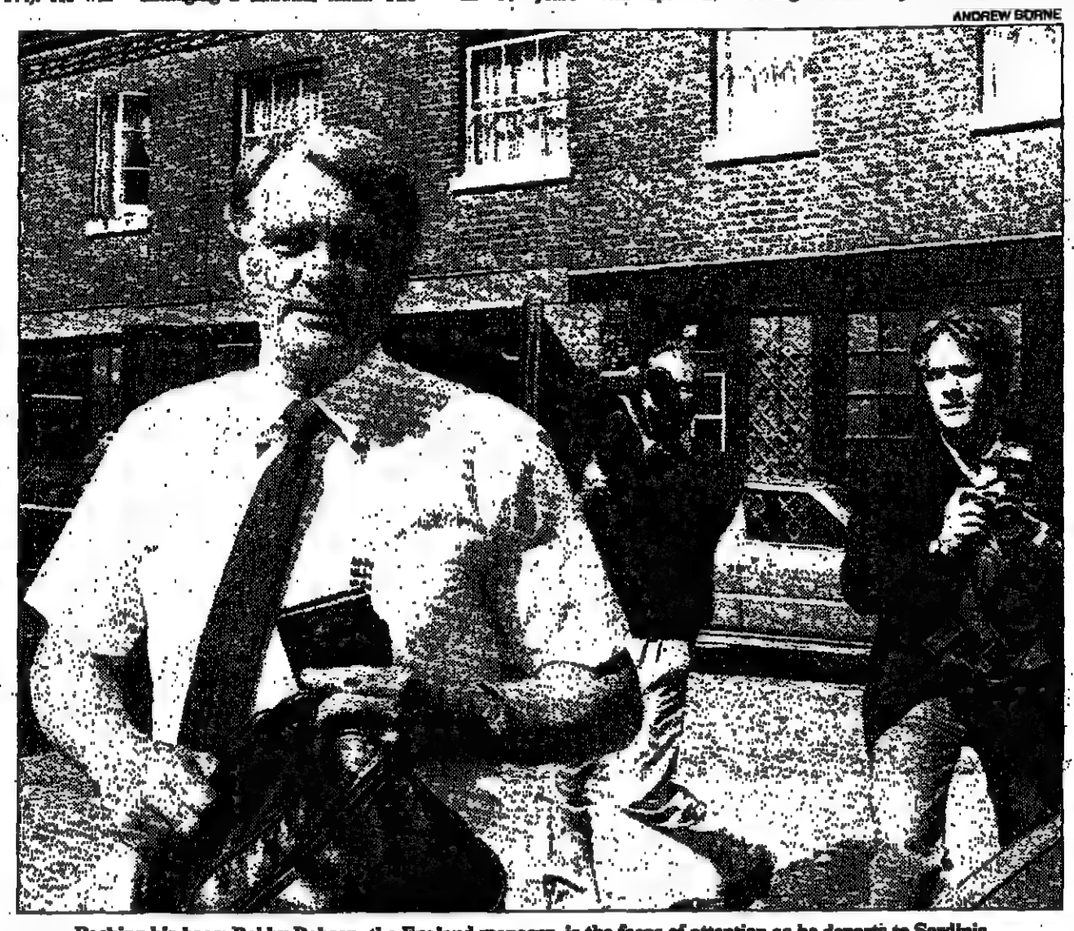
Zambian first

East Berlin (AP) — Webster Chiquaballa, the Zambian footballer, has signed a two-year contract with Dynamo Dresden and will become the first foreign player in East Germany's top division.

Coaching post

The former Wigan rugby league wing, Denis Ramsdale, who was forced to retire because of injury, is joining the second division club, Chorley Borough, as an assistant to Bob Eccles, the coach.

ANDREW BORNE



Packing his bags: Bobby Robson, the England manager, is the focus of attention as he departs to Sardinia

Riches at Robson's disposal

PSV Eindhoven, who won the European Cup in 1988, dismissed Robson's predecessor, Guus Hiddink, after the team failed to retain the Dutch first division championship this season, finishing a point behind Ajax. They had been champions for the four previous years.

They did, however, win the Dutch Cup, and Bobby Robson will inherit some outstanding players, including van Breukelen, van Aerle, Vanenberg and Kieft, who have been included in the Netherlands' World Cup squad. Romario, the Brazilian forward who was the leading scorer in the Netherlands last season and this, will be the best known player at Robson's disposal. Financed by the electrical manufacturing company, Philips, PSV are among the richest clubs in the world. In the last three years they have sold Gullit to AC Milan and Koeman to Barcelona.

Four lead line of succession

By Clive White

WHEN Ron Greenwood resigned as England manager eight years ago, he left the way clear for the promotion of Bobby Robson. There is not an obvious successor this time. The favourite to replace him is Graham Taylor, of Aston Villa, but the FA's short list, when it is drawn up, will inevitably include the names of three ther powerful candidates — Howard Kendall, Terry Venables and Howard Wilkinson.

Each has strengthened his claims in the season just ended. But successive England managers since Alf Ramsey have failed to transfer their form at club level to the international stage. Though Robson had a better record than most, the fact remains that England have not won a championship since 1966.

It may require a tactical rethink about how England approaches the international game and if that is the case then Taylor at least offers England a fresh impetus. He believes in playing to what he describes as "English strength", such as fitness and discipline, utilized in a direct, unfussy approach. Yet he has always insisted that his controversial methods have been governed to a large extent by the players he had available.

Taylor, aged 45, gave an indication of what he can achieve with greater resources in the season just ended when his Villa team threatened the dominance of Liverpool until the final few weeks of the championship. It was a remarkable turn in his fortunes, having steered Villa just clear of relegation the season before.

As a former manager of England B teams he is familiar with the set-up at Lancaster Gate where there exist people of like minds on how the game should be played. Robson said earlier this year: "Graham Taylor is obviously a strong contender. He would do the job very well."

As a pioneer of the long-ball style, Taylor is used to criticism and as the son of a Scunthorpe sports journalist, he is only too aware of the hostility the media is capable of levelling at national team managers.

Kendall and Venables both have the advantage over Taylor of European club experience. Venables's star waned on his return from Spain three years ago but there are signs this season that he is building a team of substance at Tottenham Hotspur.

In domestic terms, none can rival Kendall's achievements while with Everton and he would undoubtedly perform the task of England manager with some dignity and respect. He has written into his contract at Manchester City that he can be released.

Wilkinson is the outsider of the quartet but has been involved with the FA for several years and is one of Robson's three advisers in Italy this summer.

Manager suffers a case of bad timing

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Cagliari, Sardinia

AN UNDERCURRENT of tension has been flowing recently through Bobby Robson's press conferences. He has never been publicly at ease, especially in front of a large assembly of media representatives, and it seems logical to assume that the proximity of the World Cup finals was exacerbating his discomfort.

After announcing his line-up for the match against Denmark last week, for instance, he was first asked to clarify whether he intended to play Barnes up front. The question was legitimate, since the player had been selected as a winger in 49 of his previous 50 internationals.

Instead of offering a civil explanation, as has usually been the case whenever he has either unveiled the next tactic or introduced a new player, Robson answered curtly: "No, I'm playing him at right back. Next question." Later, he did confirm that Barnes would indeed be filling a central role.

Robson's position was weakened once Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, intimated that his contract would be extended only if England became the world champions in July. His resignation, therefore, is not surprising. The timing of the announcement is so preposterous as almost to defy belief.

He could have left after the 1986 World Cup, when his original plans were embarrassing unsuccessful. It was suggested that he should have gone after the fiasco of the European championship two summers ago. To say that he is leaving now threatens to undermine the confidence and the loyalty of his squad.

It also contradicts his own philosophy. Having felt utterly lost during his first two years in charge of England, he wanted to groom his successor and establish a dynasty similar to West Germany's. Franz Beckenbauer stated six months ago that he would be stepping down after the World Cup. Instead, England promise to arrive here in disarray and amid even more intense publicity.

UEFA will wait on behaviour of fans

From David Miller, Vienna

A SUCCESSFUL run by England in the World Cup finals, in the absence of crowd trouble, will be both a help and a hindrance to the possibility of English football clubs returning to European competition next season.

Lennart Johansson, the president of UEFA, confirmed at the executive committee meeting here yesterday that he would await the approval, or disapproval, of the Government at the conclusion of England's performance. The longer England survive, therefore, the more difficult it will be for Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, to prepare and submit a report to UEFA, which holds the first-round draw for the 1990-91 season on July 11, only three days after the World Cup final.

Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association and a UEFA committee member, admitted that recent crowd trouble at Bournemouth and Newcastle had prejudiced some of his UEFA colleagues, but said he considered that if the World Cup should be free of English crowd violence, "the chances are that our clubs could get back".

He was fully in sympathy, he said, with Moynihan's conviction that no decision could be taken until a measure of the new provisions on crowd control for travelling English spectators was available at the end of the World Cup programme.

"I do not believe the long-term interest of football is served by the banning of clubs," Johansson said, "but there must be support by those responsible if they are to return." He confirmed that there was no possibility for the executive committee to overturn the disciplinary committee's decision that Liverpool should continue to be banned for three years beyond any return date of other English clubs.

Death of England stalwart

JOHN Kendall-Carpenter, the former England rugby union captain, RFU president and chairman of the International Board, died yesterday at Wellington School, Somerset, where he had been headmaster for 18 years. He was 64 and due to retire at the end of this term.

He had been chairman of the organizing committee for the first World Cup and held a similar role in the preparations for the 1991 World Cup.

Sandy Sanders, the president of the RFU, said he had been shocked by the news of his former team-mate's death.

"John was a robust man who seemed to be in excellent health, but he had been putting tremendous pressure on himself — flying about the world with the regularity that I commute to London. John loved to be involved and was, tremendously so," Sanders said. "He will leave a huge hole in the game."

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Cup goes back to The Belfry

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

SEVERIANO Ballesteros last night lost his campaign for the Ryder Cup to be taken to Spain in 1993 when it was announced that The Belfry would again be the venue for the biennial encounter between Europe and the United States.

The only consolation for Ballesteros is that in announcing the verdict, after a meeting of 1½ hours during which the atmosphere was "businesslike", the Ryder Cup committee stated that Spain would be the venue in 1997 subject to certain conditions being met.

John Lindsey, the executive director of the PGA and secretary of the Ryder Cup committee, said: "The choice for 1993 is The Belfry, subject to various guarantees and contractual arrangements, and in 1997 the match will be played in Spain, providing similar guarantees and contractual arrangements are met."

The decision was a victory for the Professional Golfers' Association and a disappointment for the PGA European Tour, whose support for Club de Campo, Madrid, was full and unequivocal.

Bernard Gallacher, the European captain, said: "I'm disappointed. I have no intention of telling Seve; he will know soon enough. It will be a disappointment to him; it is a disappointment to a lot of us. That, however, is how things go sometimes."

Lord Derby, the chairman of the Ryder Cup committee, had to use his casting vote to give The Belfry, where the Ryder Cup was held in 1985 and 1989, a majority decision. The three PGA members on the committee, Brian Anderson, David Huish and Philip Weaver, supported The Belfry and the three from the PGA European Tour, Neil Coles, Gallacher and Tony Jacklin, backed Club de Campo.

Emma Villacieros de Garcia-Ogara, the chairman of the Spanish Golf Federation, was livid about the decision. "It was at the Ryder Cup last year that I realized there was an internal fight in British golf," she said.

"I am very disappointed because I think we should stand together. The vote has gone against us. Now how can we trust the British? They have lost the chance to show that for once they could think European."

Gallacher stressed that he had accepted the decision and that he fully expected the Spanish golfers to try their hardest to make the team for 1991, when Europe will be defending the Ryder Cup, sponsored by Johnnie Walker, for a second successive time.

Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, expressed surprise at the decision. "It's unbelievable," he said. "I think most of the other lads would agree. They might as well issue bumper stickers saying 'You WILL love The Belfry ... eventually.' Why not hold it there for the next 2,000 years?"

De Vere Hotels, the group that owns The Belfry, has spent more than £10 million on additions to the hotel and improvements to the course.

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The sowers of seeds by the wayside

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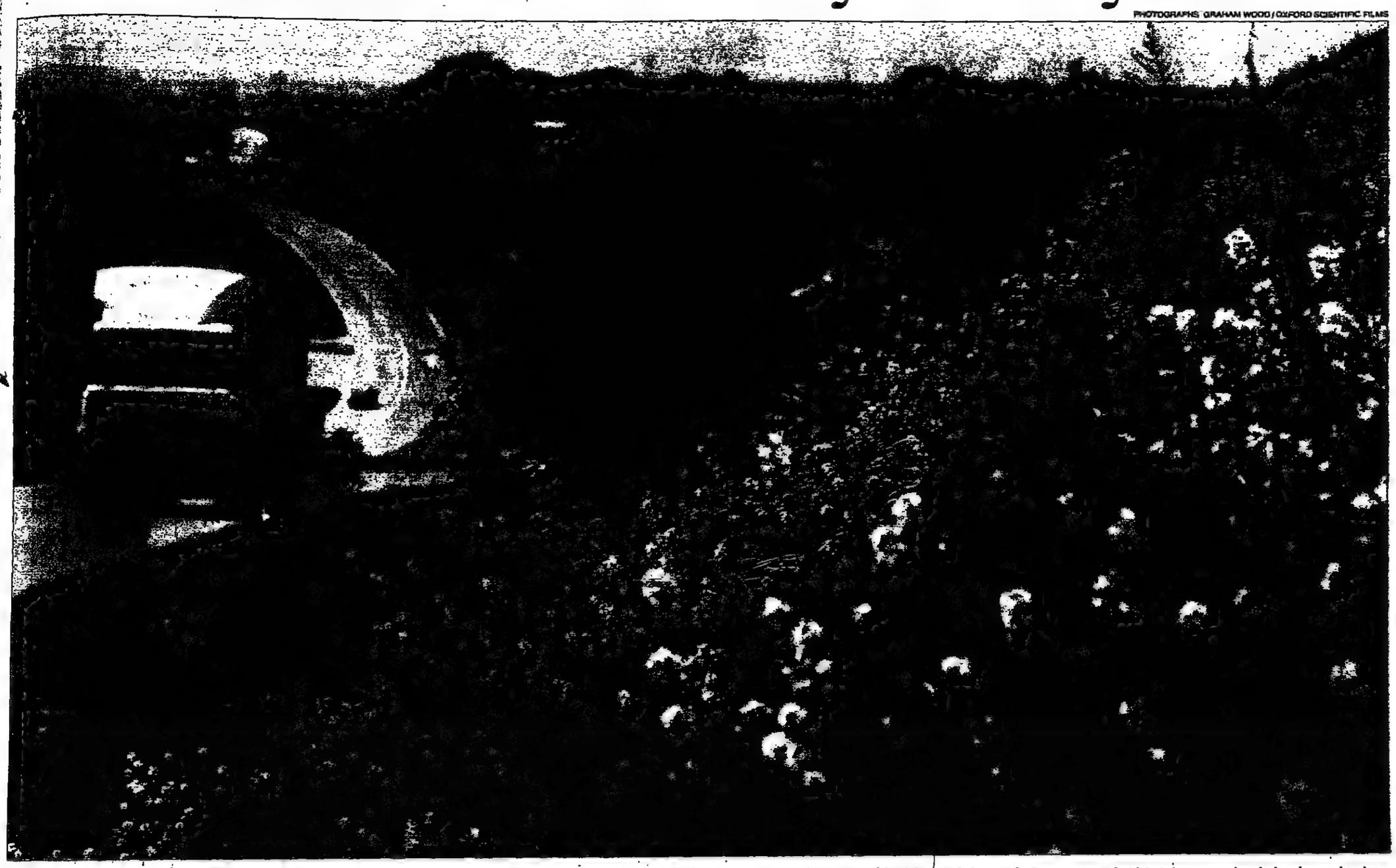

Primroses, violets, and anemones . . . the sweet-scented flowers of the field are now flourishing along our fume-filled motorways, says Francesca Greenoak. Even the birds of prey have found a new hunting ground

Just when it looked as though many of Britain's wildflowers had vanished under the combined afflictions of pesticides and the plough, they have made a surprising comeback along trunk-road embankments and the central reservations of motorways. Despite the apparent blight of the Tarmac scars across the countryside and the pollution from millions of petrol engines, the no-man's land on the fringe of our road networks is proving a rich habitat for plant and animal life.

Drivers on main roads this year may have noticed a succession of spring flowers, from primroses, violets and wood anemones, to this month's stupendous show of cowslips and cow parsley, set against a backdrop of snowy May blossom.

In many cases, these flowers have established themselves by chance and have flourished for no other reason than they have been left alone, except for regular grass-trimming by maintenance workers. However, the Department of Transport, which recently commissioned a report on the spread of wildflowers on its land, is now planting a range of species in certain areas where previously they would have put down grass.

There are trial wildflower sites at Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, where the planting of small, container-grown plants into roadsides is being assessed, and at Bromham, Bedfordshire, on the A428. Research is also taking place around the country to establish flowers in the soils which suit them best. There is, for example, a world of difference between the kind of planting and management required in the dry, eastern parts of the country, compared with that needed in the wetter conditions of North Wales, where the Welsh Office will soon be planting along the A55 coastal road in Gwynedd. Visitors to the National Garden Festival at Gateshead can see the results of wildflower trials on major roads near the site. The most successful plants will be established along the new western bypass for Newcastle.

In some cases, the standard DoT grass mixture of perennial ryegrass and red fescue, which dominates all other kinds of vegetation in the short term, may be preferred, because of the cover it provides for small mammals.

Kestrels have become familiar hunters hovering above motorways as they seek prey such as field voles, which breed in the thick grass. The rare barn owls, for whom the field voles are also an important item of diet, have occasionally been seen searching for a meal along the road verges.

Richard Mabey, author of *The Roadside Wildlife Book* and *Unofficial Countryside*, two early forays into roadway ecology, says there has been a discernable increase in the number of trunk-road flowers since local authorities reduced the use of pesticides and cut verges less frequently. "It's a pleasure to drive on motorways now," he says. "The planting is so good on the M25 and the M40, and particularly on the M4 through the Wiltshire chalk, where there are masses of cowslips followed by meadow cranesbill in June."

Two favourite roadside habitats are bushy scrub, which provides a home for butterflies and small mammals, and cuttings through woodland, which give a shady, humid micro-climate, a bit like the old sunken lanes. But Mr Mabey is concerned that private contractors hired by some authorities are returning to the bad old days of treating road verges like garden lawns.

While roadsides in many places are greening up nicely, the overall picture for many of Britain's best-loved grassland plants is one of continuing depletion, or outright loss. Grassland botanists at the Nature Conservancy Council have records showing a 60 per cent reduction of grassland habitat in Dorset between 1983-89, and something like 65 per cent grassland loss in Devon (not counting sites of special scientific interest).

"These are not unusually high figures," according to Dr John Hopkins, of the NCC. "In some counties, the only grassland rich in wildflower species is in SSSIs, which are protected by statute."

Terry Wells, of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, agrees that there is cause for concern. He points out that there are excellent areas of roadside, identified by the county wildlife trusts, which have been specially designated as roadside nature reserves because they are home to rare plant or animal species. These are separately managed for conservation "but represent a miniscule proportion — about 0.001 per cent of the total roadside area".

The greatest threats to wildflower grassland are from building development, agricultural practice and road-building, Dr Hopkins says, but in the latter case there is something amounting to a revolution afoot. Last month, the ITE delivered the report, commissioned by the Department of Transport, entitled *Wildflower Swards for Trunk Road and Motorway Landscaping*, which is the most comprehensive survey undertaken in Britain.

The report was written in the form of a practical handbook for engineers and roadside managers and horticulturalists. It is no overstatement to say that the report could transform our attitude to major roads and road building, and make driving a more enjoyable experience. Before commissioning the report, the department had been encouraging, and closely monitoring, pioneer research into roadside wildflower management in several counties.

Robin Cure, the horticultural officer for the West Midlands responsible for the M40, began planning roadside wildflower trials at Water Orton, Warwickshire, six years ago. He experimented on flat and sloping plots, and different soil types. From the expensive original wildflower mixture, he identified "core species, including knapweed, ox-eye daisy, meadow buttercup, wild carrot and red and white campion, which can be depended on to do well in most of the soil and climatic conditions of the region".

Since then, he has built up recipes for chalky, limestone and alluvial localities, planting not on topsoil but on prepared seed beds of the local soil.

Sensitive after-care is also vital: cutting grass when the flowers have set seed, but before the grasses get thick and clumpy. The mowings have to be raked off afterwards, or they will act as a fertilizer. This is done by special machines in Germany and the Netherlands, but the sites are generally flatter there.

Mr Cure also takes public benefit into his equation, planting broad sweeps of wildflowers where drivers have a good, but not distracting, view, or in places where traffic naturally slows. Interchanges present exciting opportunities, not only because of the large area of land involved, but because mature trees or existing marsh and meadow can be incorporated into the scheme, acting as a natural reservoir for the newly prepared roadside grounds.

What is being learned from the trials confirms that the conventional methods of road-making are not ideal for wildflower establishment. Tony Sangwine, a DoT horticultural adviser, points to the steep banks and the highly competitive DoT standard grass mixture. It is standard practice to scrape the surface of motorway sites, and smooth over about six inches of topsoil for the grass seed. This top soil is "a seedbank of rank weed seeds, and arable weeds: not at all the ideal soil for wildflowers, most of which thrive in poor soils".

What engineers principally require of a roadside is a surface which is quickly covered with plantlife which will hold on to the soil and prevent erosion. The ubiquitous 6in "icing" of topsoil is not necessarily the best way to achieve this. Experts consider that identifying the nature of the surrounding landscape — say, chalk or acid grassland, woodland or heath — and landscaping the road to fit in, would be better both in terms of landscape and ecology.

It is not easy to try to recreate a version of an ancient habitat which has taken hundreds of years to develop a self-sustaining plant community, but ecologists are convinced that it can be done. Experience has already shown that if areas of good wildflower potential are identified, planted and managed appropriately, a rich diversity can be established and successfully maintained.

Ecological initiative on this scale is relatively new to Britain, but has long been practised in the United States, particularly in Texas, where Lady Bird Johnson, the forceful widow of President Johnson, supported a planting scheme. Thousands of Texan roadside hectares have been carefully sown and managed, and there are wildflower verge competitions between different districts. Mr Wells, who recently met

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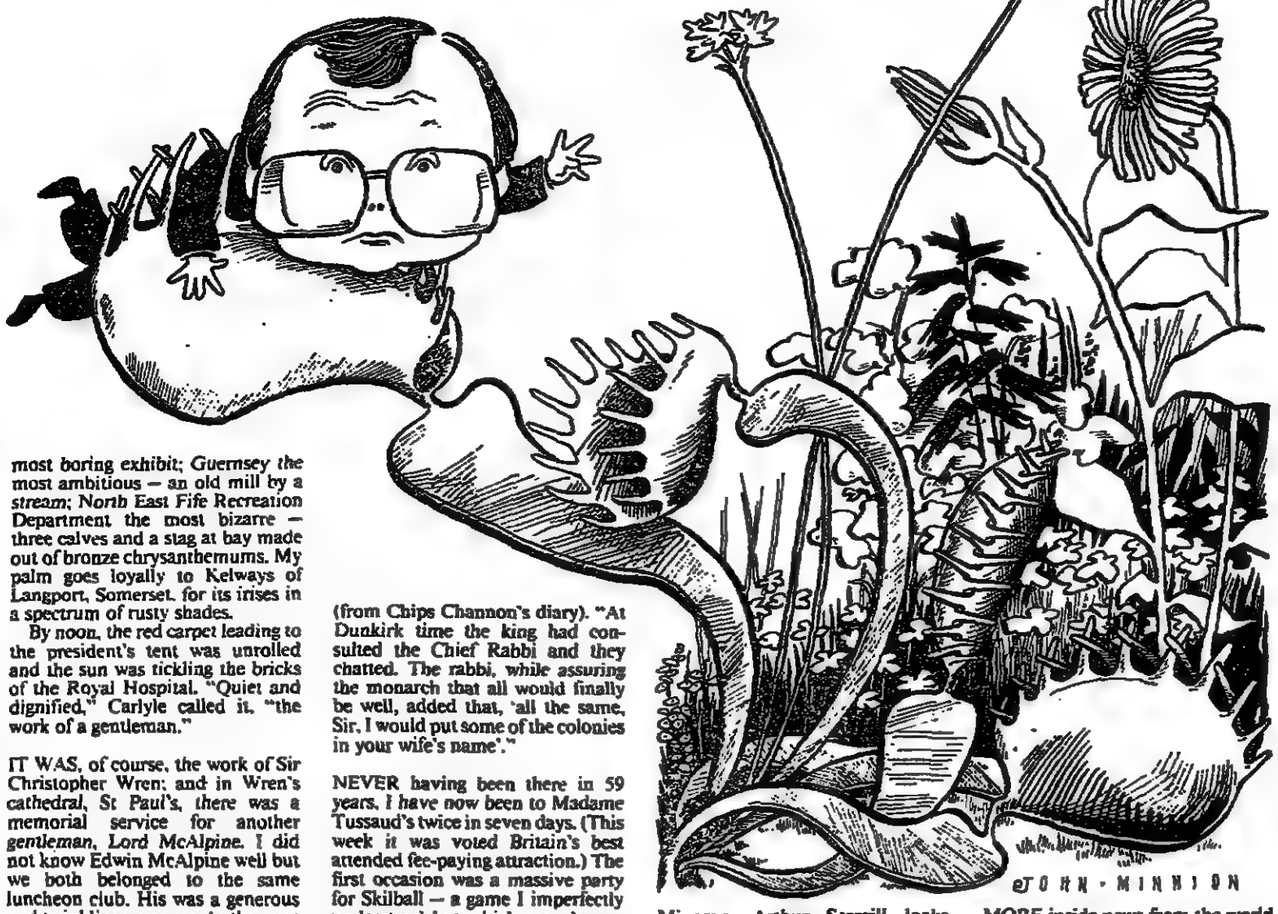
Wildflowers bringing beauty to the motorways: among them (left to right), red campions, cowslips, wood anemones and orchids

THE NED SHERRIN COLUMN

A sweet pea by any other name



How about horticulture, finance, a funeral, Dunkirk, board games, waxworks and American television? Horticulture led me to tent city at the Royal Hospital. Hitherto I have only seen the Chelsea Flower Show on the fag-end of Friday, but this week I sneaked in while stands were still getting their finishing touches. Brogued and tweeded ladies, ex-colonel lookalikes and horny-handed lads in jeans and muddy trainers were conspiring to give the temporary plots an air of permanence before the Queen arrived.

The favourite publicity trick for exhibitors is to name a flower after a celebrity. Sure enough, there at the entrance was Gertrude Shilling being photographed beside her eponymous yellow rose, her face peeping out of a mass of silk petals lovingly arranged by her hatter son, David. Unfairly, the lace across her face prevented her champagne glass from reaching her lips. "Didn't they name one after you?" I asked Penelope Keith, as she wandered by. She dismissed the idea airily, "Oh, that was five years ago."

Elsewhere, champion namers were at work. Over the years, S. & N. Brackley of Aylesbury has called its sweet peas after Noel Edmonds, Terry Wogan, Esther Rantzen, Alan Titchmarsh and Percy Thrower. This year its pea-person was Su Pollard, who cavorted amiably for the cameramen professing as much excitement about her unique honour as Mrs Shilling about hers.

Over at a fruit and veg stall, looking for signs of mad broccoli disease, was the politician of the week, John Gummer. People may be calling him names but no one named as much as a beetroot after him. I suggested it was unchristian to be paying so much attention to non-biblically approved vegetables, when Mr Gummer launched into a vicious attack on the Brussels sprout. (It gives off all sorts of noxious chemicals when cooked.)

He should have checked with the Carnivorous Plant Society, whose leaflets encouraged growers to meet and compare carnivores. I had a vision of little Gummer lured into a Venus fly-trap by a beefburger.

The Belgians had the biggest but most boring exhibit; Guernsey the most ambitious – an old mill by a stream; North East Fife Recreation Department the most bizarre – three calves and a stag at bay made out of bronze chrysanthemums. My palm goes loyally to Kelways of Langport, Somerset, for its irises in a spectrum of rusty shades.

By noon, the red carpet leading to the president's tent was unrolled and the sun was tickling the bricks of the Royal Hospital. "Quiet and dignified," Carlyle called it, "the work of a gentleman."

IT WAS, of course, the work of Sir Christopher Wren; and in Wren's cathedral, St Paul's, there was a memorial service for another gentleman, Lord McAlpine. I did not know Edwin McAlpine well but we both belonged to the same luncheon club. His was a generous and twinkling presence. As the great and the good turned up – the Prime Minister, her consort, and most of the Cabinet among them – I pondered the massive building commitments of the McAlpine and reckoned that Edwin and Sir Christopher would have understood one another. While Wren was building St Paul's, he was also designing and supervising the erection of no fewer than 50 other churches in the City.

THE small ships celebrating the "Miracle of Dunkirk" this week prompt another wartime comment (from Chips Channon's diary). "At Dunkirk time the king had consulted the Chief Rabbi and they chatted. The rabbi, while assuring the monarch that all would finally be well, added that, 'all the same, Sir, I would put some of the colonies in your wife's name'."

NEVER having been there in 59 years, I have now been to Madame Tussaud's twice in seven days. (This week it was voted Britain's best attended fee-paying attraction.) The first occasion was a massive party for Skilball – a game I imperfectly understand but which sounds suspiciously like a National Lottery. However, Nicholas Scott was in attendance so I suppose it is kosher.

The second visit was for the marriage of Bob Bryan (of Cantabile) to Andrea Curle, the cartoonist. All the waxworks in the "Garden at Midnight" look smaller than life, but I was assured they are not. Mrs Thatcher agrees with me. "I've just come from Willie Whitelaw," she told Tussaud's once, "and he's a lot fatter than that." New dummies include Jane Seymour, Dudley Moore and Kylie Minogue. Arthur Scargill looks unhappy and left out of it. He is surely a candidate for melting down. Paul Getty has already been consigned to the Windsor branch where he does duty as an anonymous tramp on a park bench.

I'm glad they've given up some of old Madame Marie's methods. During the French Revolution she went to the guillotine to take death masks from the severed heads of aristos. On second thoughts, with murmurs of another miners' strike, maybe they are thinking of bringing Arthur's dummy up to date . . .

MORE inside news from the world of American sit-commery from Andrew Nickolds' scriptwriter chums Brian and Mert. Do you know what a "Hey, May!" is?

It is a phrase used in the United States to describe the cliff-hanging end of the first half of a 30-minute sit-com. The theory is that the American couch-potato husband sits in front of his set with his six-pack and, if intrigued, yells to the little woman in the kitchen, "Hey, May! You've gotta see this!" No "Hey, May!" means no audience for Act Two.

LIBBY PURVES

If I were...

If I were Tracy Edwards, almost home from the sea, I would be looking forward to a hot bath and a good therapeutic weep of relief that I had got my 11 crew-mates back safely and was no longer responsible for anyone else's life. I would also allow myself a brief 10 minutes of private crowing at the thought of those 300 companies who refused to sponsor our boat because they reckoned we would drown. I would thumb my soapy nose at those creeps in yachting hats who said an all-girl crew would never have the strength. And as I pulled the plug, I would dedicate its last gurglings to the male chauvinist swines who were aboard Atlantic Privateer in the last race, when I was cook, and who had a bet running on who could make me cry first. I swore then I would skipper my own boat and show the lot of them.

I would be thinking of a quiet drink with Clare Francis. She is the only other woman to have captained a round-the-world race yacht and may have a few pointers as to how one can gracefully descend from nine months of high adventure to the banality of

. . . Tracy Edwards

everyday life. Mind you, there were men in her crew, so she never encountered the curious disorientation of being thrown back into mixed society. I begin to understand how servicemen feel when they get back from distant postings: uneasy with the opposite sex and needing to bolt into mens' clubs for shelter.

I am like that: fresh from the friendliness of working with 11 honorary sisters, I know I shall find something odd about the way men treat me. I shall have to get used to them showing the customary degree of kindly condescension thought due to a young woman.

Maybe I shall need to borrow a boat and get back out to sea some time this summer, just so I can think clearly. On land, between the lunatic questions of the media and the tacit, concerted attempts by men to throw me off-balance, I shall risk suffering a sudden sense-of-humour failure. And I know that if I ever do stop smiling, they'll call me rude sexist things. When did you ever see a picture of Sir Francis Chichester smiling? But one furrow in my brow and I'll be branded an unfriendly bitch.

I would not be human if I did not feel female biology lying in ambush. I am pushing 30, I might get married, I might have children within the next five or six years. Someone is bound to tell me that childbirth will be the greatest adventure of my life, and only I will think back with irony to the Southern Ocean.

I can't understand the tabloid papers saying how difficult it will be for me to settle down with boyfriend Simon. They say he "isn't even a yachtsman", as if that were a problem. Don't they realize I have just sailed 32,000 miles to get away from yachtsmen?

A CHILDHOOD: DESMOND MORRIS

'A fox once dashed across in front of my pram. I still remember where it happened'

by Ray Connolly

In all his childhood Desmond Morris cannot recall his mother ever saying to him "don't do that", never once, not even when he had 200 toads jumping around the house and the whole place was alive with snakes, lizards, foxes, voles and mice. In retrospect he finds it quite extraordinary.

His parents must have got on with animals, too, because there were always dogs, cats and horses around the place. "I'm not musical," he says, "but I think if you grow up with music then you become musical. I grew up in a family where there were animals and I became a zoologist.

"It happens by a diffusional process, not a training, but an exposure to things."

The exposure began early. Indeed, his first memory of childhood is of seeing a fox dash across the path of his pram. "I must have been terribly young but I can still see it. The nanny who was pushing me got very excited. I haven't been there from that day to this but I could still find the spot in the lane where it happened."

Born in 1928, an only child, Desmond Morris's childhood was much concerned with watching his father suffer from the after-effects of being gassed in the First World War. He had been left with only one half of one lung.

"He was a very dignified man and did not enjoy, or even admit to, his injuries, but as I became an increasingly active growing boy he was going into a decline."

Unable to continue in his profession as an engineer because of his illness, his father wrote children's stories, although not successfully. Mr Morris's first memory is of the tapping of a typewriter in the house. He learnt to type as a little boy and can still type more quickly than he can write.

They lived at first in a large house in the Wiltshire countryside, but then moved to Swindon when his father, giving up on the writing, started a small business making and servicing domestic cigarette dispensers. It was always a struggle.

The Morris family was established in the Swindon area, indeed Desmond Morris's great-grandfather had started the first penny paper there in the 19th century. A great populist, William Morris (not either of the famous ones) believed that working people were purposely being kept ignorant.

If they don't know anything, he argued, how will they know how to vote? So he set up printing presses and wrote and edited the (then weekly) *Evening Advertiser*, still going in Swindon today.

"He was a great Victorian naturalist and had a huge collection of rocks and fossils in boxes in the attic. I never knew him, of course, but when I was about six I discovered his boxes which my father had been too ill to do anything about. And in one of them was his beautiful brass microscope.

"That's what started me off, because with the microscope I found a fascinating world. I would rush off and collect water from ponds and stare at the things I found under the microscope. Luckily for me, we had a family lake which was full of animal and plant life."

They also had an aviary, not a normal one like most people who are interested in birds, but a huge one which came right into the house. Desmond Morris's father built that.

"It was wonderful in that the birds could fly around and breed outside, but then they could also come through the hole in the wall

into the house, so that you could watch them and be intimate with them without destroying their environment."

He has been watching animals ever since; indeed, a new book to be published this year is called *Animal Watching*. His latest book, his first as a campaigner, *The Animal Contract* has just been published.

When he was 14 his father died. It had been apparent for some time that he was failing but, perhaps because he did not witness the death or attend the funeral, Desmond Morris was unable to accept it. For some time he convinced himself that his father was in a nursing home and would reappear eventually.

"You don't realize it at the time, but I'm sure this was where my rebellion against sheer mindless authority began. Certainly I decided at that time I would never have anything to do with religion or politics. Politics, because it was politicians who had sent my father off to the trenches of the First World War, and religion because I remember how the Church was once again excusing war and selling the idea that it was all right to suffer in this terrible way in this life, because everything would be all right in the next.

"I remember deciding that this was an enormous confidence trick being played on me."

Instead, what he decided was that he would live his life as much as he could and enjoy, see and experience as much as possible. "I became devoted to life rather than the afterlife and that thought has fired me ever since."

It was after the death of his father, while he was at Dauntsey's School in Wiltshire, that he began to paint. Brought up in the country, he had hardly seen a painting, let alone been to an art gallery, but now he discovered a book in the school library showing Goya's etchings of the horrors of war. Quickly he began to take an interest in surrealistic painting.

"It has only just this minute dawned upon me that this ties in with my father. I remember seeing these awful images and it came through to me that you didn't just have to paint pictures of flowers, that painting pictures could carry a really painful message and produce unforgettable images.

"So I began looking at other books on contemporary art and started making these very strange surrealistic sketches. No one wanted me to do it, and I don't know why it didn't die out as I grew older. Now it's the thing I care about more than anything and I divide my time between painting and writing."

Earlier this year he had an exhibition in New York; soon there will be another in Paris; and a few weeks ago some of his earlier paintings came up at Sotheby's. He was amused when one of them fetched £1,000.

Teenage life in Swindon was dominated by a fanaticism for biology. For hours he would lie on a raft on the family lake and look into the water, his eyes just an inch from the surface, and stare at the fish. At the age of 17 he showed a girlfriend a lake, rowing her across, in a small canoe, to an island in the middle.

He had pitched a tent on the island. He showed her his fish and she showed him how to jitterbug. It sounds idyllic. Her name was Diana Fluck. She later changed it to Diana Dors.

"What I remember most about Diana, and you must remember we were both very young at the time, was her enormous energy and liveliness."

At 18 he was conscripted into the Army, but not before a brush with a career in medicine. "Some members of the family thought I should be a doctor, although I thought I'd seen enough illness. Like a dutiful son, however, I took the exam to go into medicine, but during the practical I swallowed some chemical and had to be taken out, frothing at the mouth.

"That was the end of my medical career. I didn't do it deliberately, but I've often thought that accidents are not accidental."

Having failed to get into medical school he was drafted and, following Army logic, put into the medical corps. Eventually, however, he was transferred to a demobilization camp where he began to teach fine art.

"I had to read books on the history of art rather rapidly, but it was wonderful to be able to take parties around the London galleries. I could live at home and drive to lectures, which was a nice way to spend your conscription period."

It was at about this time that he had his first exhibition. There was, he says, a public outrage. Swindon was not ready for surrealism and it was still looked upon as the work of madmen. "Outraged of Swindon" was much in evidence in the local Press. All this upset his mother, but did not deter him.

Shortly afterwards he was taken up by a local millionaire, who invited him to his house to look at his art collection. It was impressive.

"He was a marvellous man. He once threw a Renoir landscape and a Klee into the back of my car and told me to hang them up and look at them. So I did. A Renoir hanging on my bedroom wall. I can't imagine what it would cost today."

While he was at Birmingham studying zoology, he met his future wife Ramona who, having been around the collection on a school trip, returned for a party. They married in 1952 and have one son.

With a first from Birmingham he went next to Magdalen College, Oxford, to do his doctorate — a thesis on the reproductive behaviour of the 10-spined stickleback. More fish watching, in effect, although now without Diana Dors.

His worry had been that he might have to do experiments on animals, but observation now became a science and he was spared the experiments, something which he believes might have made him give up the subject.

At Oxford he began to see himself, like his great-grandfather, as a popularizer, when it occurred to him that what he was studying was of interest to more than the purely academic establishment. ITV was just starting and he quickly found himself with his own weekly programme. The move from animals to man, with *The Naked Ape*, came in 1967.

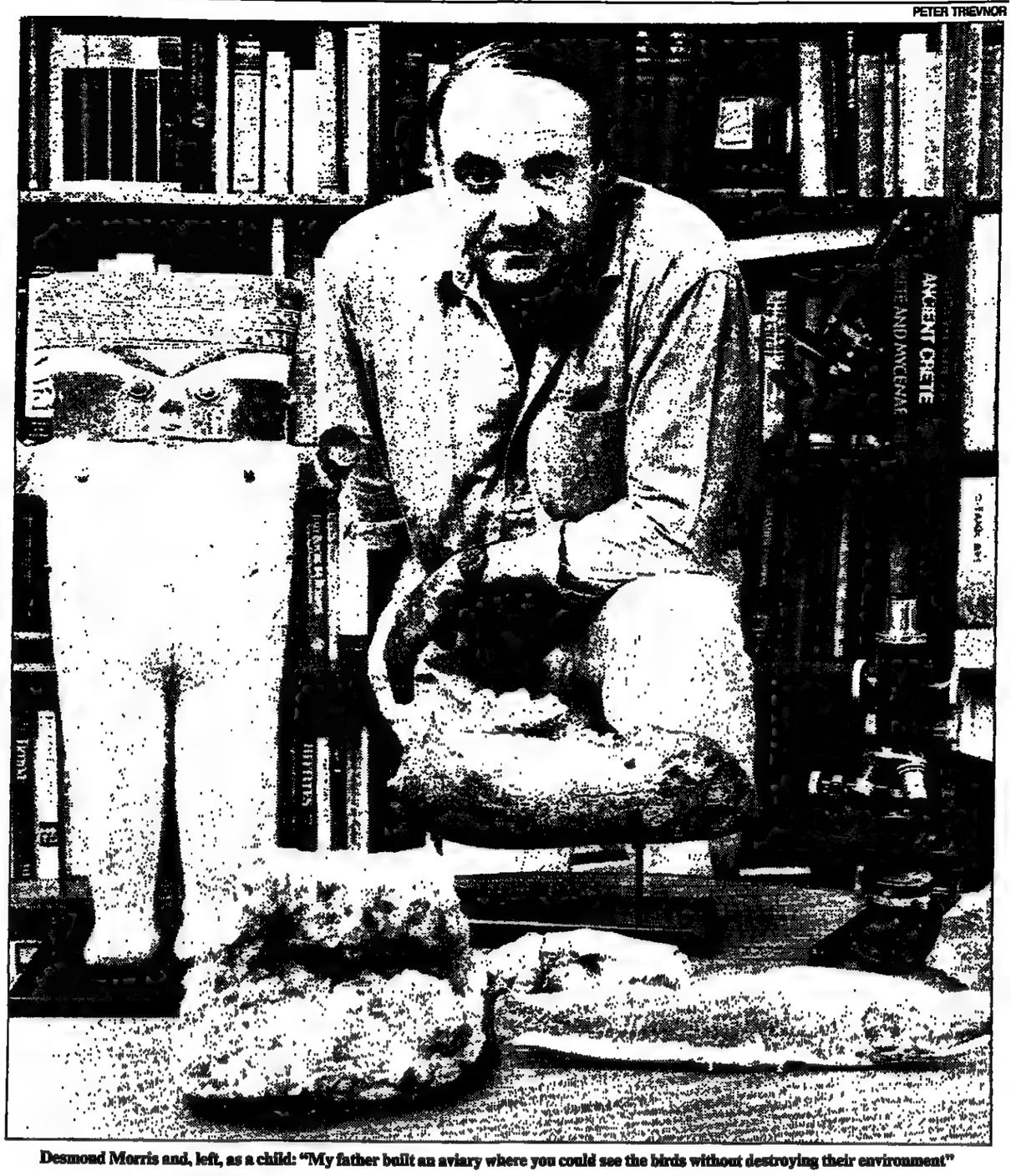
All the enthusiasms he started as a schoolboy still govern his life. "Normally they disappear as the boy becomes an adult and has to become involved in adult activities, like business or sitting on committees and making decisions. I decided at an early stage that I wasn't having anything to do with that.

"And although I'm a very public person when I'm on television, I can take great pleasure from solitude which, for a painter and a writer, isn't a bad thing.

"I have a very intense level of curiosity, so in a sense I'm closer to my childhood now than I was when I was a young adult and was forced for financial reasons into various jobs.

"I have, for instance, just returned from the Maldives where I've been watching fish on a coral reef, which is really just an extension of what I was doing half a century ago on my raft on the family lake in Swindon."

PETER TREVNOR



Desmond Morris and, left, as a child: "My father built an aviary where you could see the birds without destroying their environment"

The sowers of seeds

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Mrs Johnson, reflects, wistfully, that "it would help if someone of her influence would get involved here".

Plants have always had a low priority in Britain; laws protecting them lagged far behind those to protect birds. In Texas, women's gardening clubs appealed to the highway department not to damage wildflowers as long ago as 1929, and the state highway engineer issued a mandate, still in force, preventing the mowing of bluebonnets (the state flower) until they had set seed.

Although we have started late, the potential is enormous. Even roadsides, not designated for special wildflower sowings need not necessarily be green ribbon. Planting strong-growing wildflowers would enliven them and create a habitat for further colonization.

During road-making or widening, it has been suggested that the steep slopes could be graduated into a series of terraces, going down in broad steps to road level, creating a good habitat with thin and thicker soil levels, light, shade and shelter, which would encourage a diversity of plant and insect life.

This is an area of development which particularly interests Dr Jeremy Thomas, of the ITE at Furzebrook, Dorset. He has been investigating butterfly populations on 12 trunk and A-road sites in southern England. His observations that "most verges are extremely poor", he attributes not to the busyness of the roads, nor to their isolation from diverse country areas, but to the failure of the plants in the grass sward to meet precise conditions needed for even some of the common butterflies, let alone rare ones.

The beautiful and rare Adonis blue butterfly, for example, requires not only its caterpillar foodplant (horse-shoe vetch, found normally only on chalky soils) but vetch in sparse grass with shelter, baked really hot by the sun.

Kestrels have become familiar hunters hovering above motorways as they seek field voles, which breed in the thick grass

Roadside habitats benefit a wider range of bird species than may be at first apparent. The RSPB has made a study of motorways, and the list of "regulars" includes seed-eaters, such as goldfinches and linnets, wagtails, who adore the acres of Tarmac at service stations, and scavengers, such as crows, sparrows and starlings, who benefit from apple cores and crusts thrown from cars. Herons, snipe and tawny owls have been spotted at Spaghetti Junction, and sparrowhawks at Chorleywood.

Among the vegetation, there are already isolated examples of roadside colonization by orchids and other, rarer, wildflower species, and there are even new apple varieties which have grown up along major roads and which are now fruiting.

Perhaps we can look forward to the day when all roadsides in Britain are flowery corridors alive with birdsong.

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CRAIG BROWN

Showing a true lack of breeding

In last week's handy guide to Eton College, Philip Howard drew attention to the fact that Captain Hook was an Old Etonian. I would go further, believing the good Captain to be not merely an Old Etonian, but *the* Old Etonian, the archetype against whose shining example all other Old Etonians may catch a glimpse of themselves.

In this, the first of a two-part series on the most distinguished of fictional Old Etonians, I will be explaining how Hook's idiosyncratic personality may be traced back to Eton, and comparing his character with those of recent Old Etonians at Westminster.

On Wednesday, when the 550th anniversary celebrations have all been and gone, I will examine in some detail a speech made by J. M. Barrie in 1927 to the First Hundred at Eton College in which he described what became of Hook when the pirate submitted to nostalgia shortly before his tragic death and paid a melancholy visit to his beloved old school.

"In person, he was cadaverous and blackavized, and his hair was dressed in long curls, which at a little distance looked like black candles, and gave a singularly threatening expression to his handsome countenance." Thus begins Barrie's description of Captain Hook in his 1911 novelization of *Peter Pan*. This is the Hook that everyone remembers, the Hook recreated in Christmas pantomimes. Though there might be a hint of Thorpe O. E., or even Gowrie O. E., in that purely physical description, there is little uniquely Etonian about it.

But the passage that follows is, to my mind, strongly reminiscent of Etonians in general and of one prominent Etonian in particular: "His eyes were of the blue of the forget-me-not, and of a profound melancholy, save when he was plunging his hook into you, at which time two red spots appeared in them and lit them up horribly." This is a description of Hook O. E., but would it not serve every bit as well as a description of Hailsham O. E.?

When Hook enters, Barrie rather loses interest in the lightweight Peter Pan (a minor public school boy if ever there was one) for Hook is so much more compelling.

Certainly, Hook's is a primarily Etonian character of a type that holds good to this day, as witness the uncanny resemblance between Hook as described in *Peter Pan* and two prominent figures in today's House of Commons, both indicated in my parentheses: "He was never more sinister than when he was most polite, which is probably the truest test of breeding, and the elegance of his diction, even when he was swearing . . . showed him one of a different caste from his crew" (Dalyell O. E.). "In his mouth he had a holder of his own contrivance which enabled him to smoke two cigars at once . . ." In argument, "the hook shoots forth, there is a tearing around and one screech, then the body is kicked aside . . . He has not even taken the cigars from his mouth" (Ridley O. E.).

Barrie excels in the depiction of the Etonian love of manners. He seems to know instinctively that Etonians do not so much have good manners as employ good manners. For Hook, any action is permissible so long as its perpetrator is correctly dressed. Eton's "traditions still clung to him like garments, with which indeed they are largely concerned. Thus it was offensive to him even now to board a ship in the same dress in which he grappled her; and he still adhered in his walk to the school's distinguished slouch. But above all he retained the passion for good form. Good form! However much he may have degenerated, he still knew that this is all that really matters." This passage comes peculiarly close, most will agree, to a description of Macmillan O. E., who, within a week or two of his Night of the Long Knives, was heading for the grouse moors, impeccably dressed, as always, in his knickerbockers and gaiters.

NICK MALAND

Barrie penetrated to the heart of the Etonian with another facet of Hook's personality. The Etonian is never quite convinced of the existence of people who did not go to Eton, and, even if he acknowledges their existence, he is still pretty sure that they don't really count. In his dreams, Hook is haunted by the ghost of Eton, who asks him "Is it quite good form to be distinguished at anything?" to which Hook replies: "I am the only man whom Barbecue feared, and Flint himself feared Barbecue." The ghost then cuts in with the damning retort, "Barbecue, Flint — what house?"

That quintessential Etonian characteristic, unquenchable nostalgia for schooldays, echoed later by Cyril Connolly in his theory of permanent adolescence, overtakes Hook in his last moments. Peter Pan's yearning for his mother is as nothing next to Hook's yearning for Eton. "As he staggered about the deck striking up at them impotently, his mind was no longer with them; it was slouching in the playing fields of long ago, or being sent up for good, or watching the wall game . . . and his shoes were right, and his waistcoat was right, and his tie was right, and his socks were right."

Before the jaws of the crocodile finally close around him, Hook is granted the ultimate wish of so many Etonians: that their enemies might reveal a lack of true breeding. Hook tricks Pan into kicking him overboard. "At last, Hook had got the boon for which he craved. 'Bad form', he cried jeeringly, and went content to the crocodile." In the play, the words are different, but the emotion is the same: "Floreat Etona."

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Property takeovers by Jewish settlers are creating new tensions in Jerusalem, Richard Owen reports

Monopoly in the city of faith

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Duck through a low doorway just off Ararat Street in the Old City of Jerusalem and you enter a cool courtyard surrounded by stone houses, an idyllic looking retreat from the heat of the day. But a large yellow sign proclaims "Danger — building unsafe". The place is deserted. Next door the Assyrian church of St Mark's, where the Virgin Mary is said to have been baptized, is propped up by scaffolding. "Sewage", says a local resident from the Armenian community. "Deliberate neglect. The Jewish quarter next to us is properly maintained. But streets in the Armenian and Christian quarters are subsiding because the old Ottoman-era drainage system is in bad repair."

The authorities deny the charge. But the Israeli aim, residents claim, is to make houses uninhabitable so that they can then be bought by Jewish settlers as part of a systematic campaign to "infiltrate" the Old City. "Ariel Sharon [the right-wing former minister] has already offered us $4 million for houses here," one official of the Armenian Church says. "Of course we refused. But these people never give up. They are fanatics."

This week Arab-Jewish tensions turned into violence after the murder of seven Arabs in an Israeli town a week ago. One of the causes of the growing ill-feeling has been the dispute about whether Israel has the right to build settlements in sensitive areas reaching into the heart of old Jerusalem. This has brought to the surface charges and countercharges of skulduggery and intrigue, involving government ministers, church officials, extremists, middlemen and millionaires.

The row at Easter over the occupation by Jewish settlers of St John's Hospice, a Christian pilgrims' hostel next to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, caused an international outcry. The Israeli supreme court evicted most of the 150 settlers, and is expected in due course to give a final ruling on whether the Greek Orthodox Church, which owns the hostel, is right to claim that the lease was sold to the settlers illegally, through a Panamanian front company and a dubious Armenian middleman. But church officials are alarmed by growing evidence that the St John's Hospice affair is merely "the tip of the iceberg", with Jewish settler groups planning to take over sections of the Old City backed by the right-wing ministers in Yitzhak Shamir's government, despite the United States' disapproval and threats to withhold aid. "Is there a ban on living in Jerusalem?" Mr Shamir remarked, when asked why the housing ministry had given the St John's Hospice settlers almost $2 million.

Land and religion lie at the heart of the Arab-Israeli struggle. The walled Old City is peopled mainly by Arabs, Christian and Muslim, with the Jewish quarter taking up only 15 per cent of the area. Most western tourists marvel at the colourful covered souk, or market, and the holy sites in the four quarters: Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Armenian. But hidden from view, in small cafés where old men suck hookah pipes and drink Turkish coffee, secret and complex deals are struck. Real names are not used: agents and dealers use "paper" companies to disguise the identities of their clients. The "middlemen", I was told, "are those with their backs to the door". With the *intifada* (Palestinian uprising) still going strong after two and a half years, anyone who sells property to "the Jews" — meaning the nationalist, ultra-religious settlers — runs the risk of a revenge killing on a dark night. On the other hand, such risks have driven the property prices — and the middlemen's rewards — even higher. The favourite venue for particularly sensitive deals is a modest-looking café, away from the Old City, on Jerusalem's main shopping street and, oddly, within sight of the main police station.

The result is that a growing number of settlers, armed with Torahs and sub-machine-guns, have begun moving, with little or no publicity, into the heart of the Muslim area. "If we are not careful, Jerusalem will flare up, out of control," Khalid, a Muslim activist, says. The crumbling charm of the Arab houses contrasts with the breezy intrusion of neater, newly renovated Jewish properties, each with a large Star of David flag hanging prominently outside — a badge of pride to the Jews, a provocation to the Arabs. "This will become another Beirut."

From the Jewish point of view, the property deals, even if arrived at through front organizations in Panama and Liechtenstein, are legitimate. Criticisms, Israelis say, carry a strong whiff of Christian anti-Semitism — for example, the recent statement by Cardinal John O'Connor of New York that the Jewish intrusion into the Christian quarter is "obscene". From 1948 to 1967, the Old City was in Jordanian hands and the Jewish quarter was vandalized. Since 1967 and the unification of Jerusalem under Israeli rule, the Israelis have restored the Jewish quarter and have maintained relatively free access for Arabs to Islamic and Christian holy places. Under a supreme court ruling, non-Jews are excluded from the Jewish quarter, and Arabs have been evacuated from it.

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Nevertheless, militant settler groups such as Ateret Cohanim (Garland of the Temple Priests), which masterminds many of the secret deals, argue that Jews have the right to live in any quarter, as they did before 1948. The area around St John's Hospice once contained several Jewish shops. The Greek Orthodox patriarch, Israeli sources say, opposes the settlers only because he was threatened with death by the Palestine Liberation Organization. Arab Christians, they add, should remember that they are a diminishing minority under pressure from Muslim activists to join in the *intifada*, and should welcome their new Jewish neighbours.

Muslim and Christian residents, on the other hand, see a more sinister motive: a campaign, backed by Mr Shamir's party and Jewish businessmen in the United States, to drive out Arabs completely. The St John's Hospice affair marks the first attempt by Jews to move into the Christian quarter since 1967. But more than 30 properties (the Arabs put the figure much higher) in the Muslim quarter have already been acquired by Ateret Cohanim and other groups closely linked to the fanatically anti-Arab Gush Emunim (Bloc of the Faithful) and to Rabbi Meir Kahane, the extremist leader banned from Israeli elections as a "racist". Rabbi Kahane's personal lawyer works for Gush Emunim: he also turned up as a spokesman for the St John's Hospice settlers. The settlers' leaders are not otherworldly rabbis, but smooth professionals armed with walkie-talkies and sub-machine-guns and wearing a uniform of white shirt, black trousers and *kippa* (skull cap).

The unsmiling settlers' representatives are not forthcoming about their plans. But in the backstreet cafés you can learn how the deals are conducted through middlemen, known in Arabic as *simsars* — usually "renegade" Arabs who buy property from fellow Arabs without revealing that they intend to "sell on" to the settlers and yeshiva (seminary) students. The *simsars* buy houses, according to Adnan Husseini of the Islamic Waqf, the trust which administers mosque property, by "pressuring home owners, using drugs to obtain signatures, forging documents, harassment, intimidation and, if all else fails, by selling property which is not theirs". The settlers, he says, can then acquire squatting rights. "They stop at nothing," Khalid confirms. "In a house next to mine the settlers took one room, then three more in the same building. One remaining room was still occupied by an old Arab lady, so they simply set fire to it. She went to hospital, and they moved in. They throw tear gas into my house, fire guns, and sing through amplifiers until dawn. The police do nothing."

After this week's riots, which have reinforced Palestinian self-assertion, Arabs in the Old City are more likely to adopt more belligerent tactics of their own in resisting Jewish "encroachment".

Whispers in the kasbah, confirmed by officials, reveal that the attempted acquisition of St John's Hospice took shape, not just before Easter, but nearly a year ago, at a sumptuous dinner at the New York Hilton, organized by Ateret Cohanim and attended by then Mayor Ed Koch. The main speaker was Ariel Sharon, who three years ago bought (through a middleman) a house in the Muslim quarter. (It now has to be guarded by troops night and day.)

With written backing from two government ministers, the settlers raised several million dollars from Erwin Moscowitch, a Jewish businessman from Miami, and from Hemanuta, the property agency of the Jewish National Fund, an official Israeli body. The "target" was an Armenian businessman who had leased St John's, in poor repair, from the Greek Orthodox Church, and claimed (falsely, it seems) that he had the right to sell. The front company used for "the sting" was based in Panama, and the *simsar* was a Lebanese Arab. The Armenian businessman, several million dollars richer, but in hiding, claims he was "duped".

Now the talking point in the smoke-filled cafés of the kasbah is how far the government is involved — and how much further it and the settlers will go. The ministeries of housing and of religious affairs have both given Ateret Cohanim many thousands of dollars for "renovations", and the government is transferring 26 "absentee landlord" properties under its control to the settlers. On the other hand, the row over St John's Hospice — which apparently took the settlers and their backers by surprise — has brought unwelcome exposure. The Jerusalem police have injunctions ordering Arabs out of 20 more properties in the Muslim quarter acquired by Jewish settlers, but are not acting on them for the time being "because there is no need to create further friction". This is a blow to those ultra-religious settler leaders whose aim appears to be to build up Jewish communities in the cluster of streets which adjoin the sacred Temple Mount, in Islamic hands since the 7th century and now dominated by the Muslim Golden Dome of the Rock, but formerly the site of the ancient Jewish Temple.

There is little doubt in the Old City that the settlers will continue to raise funds to take over more houses. The settlers point out that Israel is a Jewish state, and that, although Christian and Muslim rights are respected, the Old City is no longer under either Christian or Muslim control. The Arabs, however, are preparing to fight back against what they see as Israeli attempts to control east Jerusalem and the Old City, and to consolidate Jerusalem as the undivided and eternal capital of Israel. The Arabs have now formed a Christian-Muslim committee to try to raise funds (allegedly backed by the PLO) to buy up property and so beat the Jewish settlers at their own game. If they are unsuccessful, areas of Palestinian residence could be cleared within 10 years, leaving only major historical sites such as museums and schools, with the souk remaining as what one commentator has described as a "Biblical Disneyland" for tourists.

FARMYARD DIARY

Getting on with Christmas dinner

I AM rapidly learning that farming is not unlike the greetings card industry; whatever the calendar might say, you must ignore it and think unseasonably ahead. Therefore on this spring bank holiday I shall be entirely preoccupied with our animals' Christmas dinner. I am determined that our stock will have a good supply of succulent winter feed and so, like a frenzied chamber-maid, I have been getting ready the beds in which the seed will lie. We are going to grow turnips for the sheep, kale for the cows and mangel-wurzels for the lot of them, including horses and pigs. Kale is like a big leafy cabbage, but with no heart. Mangel-wurzels, on the other hand, are all heart: so full of goodness it's a wonder they don't burst. They are red and bulbous, grow sweeter the longer they are stored and have a certain mystery about them. One farmer I know, perplexed by his cows' addiction to them, said: "Mangels, they're 90 per cent water but that must be damned good water."

Preparing seed beds is pleasant work when you farm with cart-horses. Pulling harrows and heavy rollers is good, steady, regular exercise for them; for me it is a satisfying process of reducing the boulders of soil that the plough has left into a fine (but not *so* fine) powdered state, so that the seed will snuggle down into it and be fed and watered as it grows. If the soil is not worked enough, the seed will sit between the lumps and starve to death and Christmas dinner in the farmyard will be a poor affair of hay and miserable manufactured concentrates. I am sure that concentrated feed, like some dreary breakfast cereal, has got all the right proteins, vitamins and minerals in it; but to me it looks too much like astronaut food. As much of the meat produced in this country goes into junk food production, feeding it overprocessed junk in the first place seems to be starting the downward spiral unnecessarily early.

I was beginning to think that I knew every inch of the field in which the kale and turnips are to grow, but every time I take a horse across it there is a surprise. Sometimes it will be an old horseshoe, or a rusty part of an old plough. So far, we have collected an average of five horseshoes to the acre; a farrier tells me most of them are a hundred or more years old.

Harrowing provides good time for thought. It hardly requires any concentration, unlike ploughing, which demands precision. A good pair of horses soon learn the job, and know which way they are to turn when they get to the end of field. Of course, you must not let your thoughts wander too far; I am sure that my horses sense when I am not concentrating. I have noticed that if I allow my mind to go completely blank, the horses will invariably stop dead and one will turn his head right round to see if I am still behind him.

But nothing is predictable when you farm with horses. The other morning I harnessed Punch, an experienced and versatile horse. I sensed something was wrong. I led him up the field and harnessed him to the ribbed roller. I told him to "G'r up" and he eased one step forward and froze. "G'rrrr UP," I growled and he tried hard to obey but could not bring himself to do so. Instead, he reared his head and behaved for all the world like a horse that had just had the fright of his life. Rather than risk damage, I led him back to the stable. He breathed heavily and unhappily, I gave him some hay and let him munch. An hour later he was back on the field, plodding merrily along as if nothing had happened.

I get my moods, too. I look at the expanse of the fields and then at the pitiful narrowness of the furrow and I wonder how I will ever get it all done. And then in to my mind comes a phrase from an old farmer neighbour: "There's nothing to farming, boy," he told me, "as long as you get on with it."

With that in mind, I am trudging on, making the beds for the kale and the turnips. Our sheep, cows and pigs are behaving terribly well considering they are in the charge of a novice. The least I can do is ensure them a good Christmas dinner.

Paul Heiney

CAMPUS

The north-south housing divide

Eliminating welfare benefits for students could be a disaster, Richard Patient says

Professor Gordon Higginson, the vice-chancellor of Southampton University, was forthright when he heard about the proposal to stop students claiming welfare benefits next year. "It seems as if it is going to be a disaster," he said when he heard that a committee of government advisors had delivered a report which was critical of the plan.

Many students share the concern of their vice-chancellor and feel that the proposed elimination of housing benefit will bring much resentment and worsen poverty among students. The scheme looks likely to be implemented along with the top-up loan system which will give students a repayable loan of £420 to be increased annually, eventually replacing half the grant. The loan has been widely opposed by students. The National Union of Students (NUS) mounted demonstrations warning the government that the loans could affect the choice of subject for many students. Amazingly, little has been said by NUS about this most miscalculated and arbitrary proposal to eliminate housing benefits, which is sure to lead to a fall in student numbers just when the government wants numbers to rise.

The government report, backed by all 14 members of the social security advisory committee, warns that increased poverty will be brought upon many students, and claims that some will lose up to £560 if housing benefits are abandoned, for which the £420 loan will be insufficient compensation. Professor Higginson is not the only vice-chancellor who believes that the special hardship fund will be inadequate.

The students who will be hit hardest are those in the south. For instance, in Bristol and Bath rents can reach £45 a week. With some students in the north paying less than £20 a week, the withdrawal of housing benefit will mean fewer students will be attracted to the expensive south. Professor Higginson said that housing was a big expenditure for thousands of students.

A second report, supported by half the members of the committee, claims that the elimination of benefits will hit students from poorer backgrounds particularly hard.

Tony Newton, the Secretary of State for Social Services, is now considering the two reports and believes the best method of resolving the problem is to set a level of income through the student grant and loan system. He says that students should never have been paid housing benefit in the first place. But students *are* on housing benefit, and Mr Newton's suggestion does not ease the problem of the wide differences between rents in different parts of the country. Instead it makes a northern university a more appealing prospect than one in the south.

If the government wishes to increase the numbers of highly educated people in the workforce, it should consider the consequences indicated by these reports and continue to provide housing funds so that young people can afford to study wherever their university or polytechnic may be.

The House of Lords may yet foil the government's plan and I hope the House of Commons sees sense too. Although NUS has not demonstrated against these specific proposals, passive demonstrations will undoubtedly follow, leading, perhaps, to fewer young people choosing to go to university and a subsequent weakening of higher education.

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COLLECTING

Potty about lids

WHEN men gave up wigs early in the 19th century, two-colour decorated pot lids were produced for the grease they used as hair cream.

The first lids were produced by four Staffordshire potteries, mostly by F & R Pratt. Those early lids depicting bears playing, made for men's Macassar hair oil, were the work of Pratt's top engraver, Jesse Austin, who soon tried out four-colour transfer printing under glaze. To make it easier to lay on the transfer, Pratt produced convex lids and, around 1845, decorated lids appeared on everything from fish paste to face cream.

A series of scenes came from the Great Exhibition, the New York and the Paris Exhibitions. If these particular lids are rare and undamaged they fetch £200 plus at auction, as do some of the popular Shakespearian scenes.

There is also a series on Royal residences (I saw *Sandringham* fetch £500 at auction lately), battles (about £80), portraits of the Duke of Wellington (£170) and Harriet Beecher Stowe (£1,100). A number of lids with bears were made and they fetch about £50.

"Prices are irrational," Tim Odell, of Christie's, says. "It is often to do with whether a lid has a gilt border. A lid might cost more on a stall in the Portobello Road than at auction.

"Pot lid collectors are fanatical. Something rare can make £1,000 at auction. 'The Picnic' is very rare, but I don't know if it has made that. Yet 'I See You My Boy', which shows a boy stealing from a sleeping tramp, fetched £40."

Toothpaste producers and food companies, such as Lazenby and Crosse & Blackwell, soon saw the publicity value of good packaging for their cosmetics and fish paste, and asked Pratt to do lids with views of shrimpers at Pegwell Bay and Margate, and a picture of the young Queen Victoria's head on some cherry toothpaste.

Early lids can be spotted by their flat tops and small crazing (a fine network of cracks). Later, larger-crazed ones have poorer colours. The black and white examples (some with pink or green), which were produced until the Thirties, are less in demand today and are always cheaper. Sometimes they can be found for less than £5.

Pot lids are often overpriced on market stalls, and if they are in frames you cannot see if they are damaged or of poor colour. Bargains can be found at the country-wide bottle and lid fairs. One dealer says that if a lid is cracked and not rare, it should not cost you more than £10. A good lid, worth £200, is worth £50 with a chipped rim.

"Pot lids have risen steadily in value over 20 years," Angus Gull, of Phillips, says. "More men than women collect them. Price depends on rarity and condition. If it has its base — and that is well shaped — that can increase its value a lot."

Sheila Hutchison

● *A sale of a private collection of pot lids will be held on Wednesday at Phillips, 10 Salem Road, London W2 4DL, starting at noon. Viewing: Tues, 9am-5pm, and on day of sale, from 9-11am.*

WALKING

Only there for the beer?

Thousands of walkers a year continue to claim their reward of a free half of bitter at the end of the gruelling Pennine Way. Ronald Faux reports

The legions of agonized legs and blistered feet that stumble into the Border Hotel, Kirk Yetholm, in Scotland have cost Alfred Wainwright, a teetotal octogenarian, a bar bill of more than £10,000.

The author of *The Pennine Way Companion* included a "very special note" for bona fide Pennine wayfarers completing the walk in a single journey. They could, he wrote, order a pint of beer and "charge it to Wainwright". It was a gesture that has cost him dear over the past 20 years. As popularity of Britain's first long distance footpath increased and sales of the *Companion* approached 120,000, the number demanding their reward grew prodigiously. Later editions reduced the offer to half a pint.

Although the Pennine Way now ranks as just one among a host of national trails, the footpath along the backbone of Britain keeps its reputation as the ultimate in gruelling, bog-ridden walks.

Devon Russell is landlord of the Border Hotel, the traditional finishing point where Mr Wainwright's largesse is dispensed. "When he made that offer I doubt he could have imagined how many people would take it up. All I do is drop him a note to say that funds are a bit low. He always pays in advance with a cheque for £250 or £500. All I need from the walker is a copy of the *Companion*, which I stamp and then pull the half pint.

"One chap was a bit aggrieved because he had an old edition which offered a full pint. There was another young student who warned me there might be a problem. He'd drunk his half pint before I opened his book to stamp it and discovered it was borrowed from Sheffield public library."

The Countryside Commission estimates that about 5,000 people attempt the 270-mile route each year. Forty per cent probably drop out within the first three days. Some start at Kirk Yetholm and head for Edale in Derbyshire, but most prefer to have the sunlight and prevailing wind behind them; and Mr Wainwright did not extend his generosity to southbound wayfarers.

The youngest *conquistador* to reach the Border Hotel was 10 and was rewarded with orange juice; the oldest in his mid-70s. "I had a 75-year-old in a fortnight ago. There seem to be many more elderly and retired people taking up long distance walking." Mr Russell says. He has no ambition to do the walk himself, he confesses, although he loves the countryside around Kirk Yetholm and the Cheviots, and no walker ever made a more dramatic entry to the village than he did, at the age of 10.

"It was during the war and me and a mate from North Shields ran away from home. We knew people here so we got the bus to Wooler and then walked over the Cheviot where the Pennine Way now goes but which at that time was an Army training ground. We found a big cache of abandoned ammunition and we decorated ourselves like soldiers. We walked into Kirk Yetholm swathed in machine gun rounds and belts with live hand grenades hanging from them. The bobby saw us and walked the other way. I don't blame him. I've loved the place ever since."

Mr Wainwright describes the walk as a clarion challenge, and from behind his beer pumps Mr Russell sees many challengers stumble in who have never before attempted a long distance walk and, he suspects, will never attempt another.

"Quite honestly, I don't think you get too many really dedicated walkers, people who are out every weekend for the pleasure of walking, doing the Pennine Way. It is mainly people who have had it in mind as an objective, a personal Everest, something to accomplish.

Athletes have run the 270 miles in two days. Riders on mountain bikes usually take eight days and walkers anything from two to three weeks on average, depending on fitness and how much weight they are carrying. Many walkers collect sections, linking them together over the years. The slowest recorded completion was by Bill Gallon, who took a leisurely 20 years and three months to finish the walk he started in the summer of 1969. Only one man is known to have arrived at Kirk Yetholm from Edale, and the next day set off back to Edale. One enthusiast recently completed his tenth crossing and wrote in Mr Russell's log that he had clocked up 2,020 miles walking the footpath.

The book is a cryptic record of misery, sore feet and exhaustion. "Too tired to write and my feet hurt," moaned one youth. "For sale one pair size 12 walking boots. Owner knackered."

"Left my wife in Malham and my brain in Edale"; "I started so I'll finish but I'll never know why"; and "Veni, Vidi, Vici," wrote one Oxford undergraduate. "My feet have changed shape," complained another walker. And "Sod Wainwright," wrote a hobbler from Newcastle.

The number of Pennine wayfarers has fallen in recent years, probably because of the number of long distance alternatives and publicity that the path is under stress from overuse. Certainly large stretches have been reduced to a quagmire, and research is under way to find the best methods of repairing the damage. A bus service, Trans-Pennine Transport, which served walkers and ferried their rucksacks, was abandoned this year because fewer were attempting the Way.

Chris Sainty, secretary of the Pennine Way Council, a voluntary body that advises on the pathway and keeps an accommodation register, has lost count of the number of crossings he has made. "I know I have had five full pints and four half pints on Mr Wainwright. The slight problem is that his route is now taken as gospel, although it does not always follow the line that was originally negotiated." Not to worry, there have been at least 24 other books guiding walkers by the dust jacket along the right path.

When they have breasted the rise beneath Staerough Hill along a lane bright with hawthorn and gorse and have covered the last 400 yards to the pub door, they can talk of little else. Terry McNamara and Steve Roberts, pipe fitters from Hertfordshire, had nothing to say about fitting pipes but plenty to describe their second crossing.

"It's addictive. Two years ago we said we'd never do it again, and here we are." Steve Morris, a policeman from Baldock and third member of the party, set out weighing 17½ stone but lost at least one of them among the peat hags and heather.

"The mistake I made was to bring everything bar the kitchen sink. My pack weighed more than 55lb. When I took it off my back I felt I could fly. In fact I was sick over a wall."

Tom Whisker, a sales manager from Peterborough, was wiser. For several months before setting out on his first long distance walk he trained for three nights a week in a gymnasium. "He romped along it. No sweat," Mr McNamara said.

Mr Wainwright has not repeated the offer of a free drink in any of his 50 other walking guides. The doyen of bogtrotting whom *The Times* once described as "a man of glutinous northern humour who would probably describe walking as a pedestrian occupation", devotes his royalties to two animal charities. One of them has a bank balance of more than £300,000. He can afford a few well-earned half pints.

PETER KEMP

Reaping the rewards: Ivan Rogers, Herbert Bennett and Paul Robinson outside the Border Hotel at Kirk Yetholm

OUTINGS

RUTLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW AND CANCER RELIEF FAIR: One of the oldest agricultural shows in the country combines with the charity fair for a traditional Bank Holiday event. Main ring events include falconry, aircraft, Pony Club games and a sheep show, with show-jumping and other equestrian events in separate rings. Also clay-pigeon shooting, competitions, cattle, rabbits, goats and other farmyard animals, a children's corner and giant tombola.
Burley-on-the Hill, Oakham, Leicestershire. Tomorrow, Mon, 8.30am to late pm.

TATTON COUNTRY CRAFTS FESTIVAL: 100 craftsmen demonstrating range of crafts including thatching, bee-keeping and lace-making. Conservation and rare breeds exhibitions, kites, furniture and other craft workshops for adults, spinning workshops for children plus puppet shows, bands, morris men, gymnastic displays. Full refreshments and licensed bar.
Tatton Park, Knutford, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.

NEC MODEL SHOW: Many exhibitors, competitions and events both indoors and out, including a sailing regatta, submarine demonstrations, car racing, flying and professional model-making. Record-breaking attempts and championships. Full refreshments.
National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 11am-7pm. Adult £3, child £1.50.

DONKEY RACING: With the Hertfordshire Donkey Racing Club — first race at 2pm and six further races, including the Knebworth Cup (a two-furlong open scratch steeplechase). Tote facilities. House, gardens, also open from noon, children's playground from 11am.
Knebworth, Hertfordshire. Mon from 12 noon. Park and racing: adult/child £2. House and gardens: adult £3.50, child £3.

FESTIVAL OF ENGLISH WINE: Wines to buy and taste provided by the Weald and Downlands Vineyards Association plus local specialist produce, including cheeses and smoked fish. Maze, grotto, rare breeds of wild fowl and other permanent attractions open as usual.
Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent. Today, tomorrow, Mon. Adult £3.70, child £2.20, family ticket: two adults plus up to four children £11. Admission to castle extra.

BANK HOLIDAY RECORD BREAKERS SPECTACULAR: Leading stunt men and women, in aid of ITV Telethon appeal, trying to shatter European and world records. Variety of stunts including car-rolling, stunt-driving, tile-breaking and pile-driving. Also helicopter war-game demonstrations, side shows and stalls, rock bands and other entertainments.
Milton Keynes Bowl, Milton Keynes, Hertfordshire. Mon, noon-6pm. Adult £4, child £2.50, car park free.

STRATHCLYDE PARK WEEKEND: A horse and pony show today and tomorrow from 9am, powerboat racing on the loch tomorrow from 11am. Also, tomorrow, a Samaritan fund-raising fair with karate, fire brigade and dog obedience displays, a balloon race, army rifle range, stalls, tombola, bands and majorettes and live Radio Clyde road show.
Strathclyde Park, between Hamilton and Motherwell, Lanark. Free.

PORTHMADOG TRANSPORT GALA: Vintage and classic cars, bikes, transport and commercial vehicles, steam and diesel locomotives plus a continuous steam service on the railway are included in the admission price. Light refreshments.
West Highland Railway, Porthmadog, Gwynedd. Today, noon-6pm, tomorrow, Mon, 9am-6pm. Adult £1.75, child £1.25.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT OF THE ANCIENT SCORTON SILVER ARROW: Anniversary of the founding of the Society of Archers — the oldest body of archers in the UK, founded in Scorton in 1673.
Playing Fields, Easingwold Comprehensive School, Easingwold, North Yorkshire. Today from 10am. Spectators free.

SURREY COUNTY SHOW: The largest one-day agricultural show in England with main ring events, bands, displays, two show-jumping competitions, classes in cattle, sheep, goats, horses, an exhibition of pigs, a children's corner and 300 trade stands. A mass balloon release and other entertainments for the Telethon appeal. Refreshments, licensed bars.
Stoke Park, Guildford, Surrey. Mon, 8.30am-6pm. Adult £6, child 5-16 £2.50, under-fives free.

AIR FETE 1990: The largest air display staged by any air arm outside the Soviet Union, with 130 aircraft — 60 flying — on show each day. RAF Mildenhall, Mildenhall, Suffolk. Tomorrow, Mon. Car park open 7.30am, gates from 8am. Flying from 11am-5pm. Admission £10 per car plus all occupants, pedestrians — adults £2, child 8-15 £1, under-eights free.

NORTH SOMERSET SHOW: Family day with ring entertainments, show-jumping, animals, tractor-pulling and other rural displays.
Ashton Court Estate, Long Ashton, Bristol, Avon. Mon, 8am-9pm. Adult £3, child £1.50.

FESTIVAL OF LETTERS: Authors and poets at a variety of readings and discussions, music and exhibitions at the Hay-on-Wye festival organized by *The Sunday Times*. Today: Frank Muir, Jan Morris, Germaine Greer; Tomorrow: Arthur Miller, Fay Weldon, Richard Holmes; Monday: John Pilger and Li Lu, student leader at Tiananmen Square. Continues to June 4. Booking office 0497 821299.

Judy Froshaug

MOTORING CHALLENGE

Tortures of the Silk Road

The London to Peking convoy reaches Xi'an and the beginning of the end of its journey, Graham Rock reports

Xi'an was the start of the Silk Road for the merchants of 2,000 years ago as they transported their exotic wares to the markets of Europe. For the London to Peking Motoring Challenge it has been the beginning of the end; we are now only a few hundred miles from Peking. The drivers arrived at the five-star Golden Flower Hotel on Wednesday evening fit to kill. You might have heard of the Chinese water torture, but not the Chinese motor torture.

Victims are made to leave their resting place at first light, then travel by tight police convoy at an average speed of 35mph, and at the end of the day they queue to refuel. The first car is not allowed to leave the petrol station until the last is ready, some two hours later.

In Gansu Province delicate negotiations had resulted in refuelled cars leaving for their hotel in groups of seven, but now we were in Shaanxi, where the police seemed to have degrees in sadism.

At the head of the disgruntled line of challengers waiting to leave were the Baldwin brothers of City Link, driving their mobile home. Exasperated beyond reason, they hired a taxi, told the driver to lead them to the hotel and about 30 vehicles stormed through the city to their destination, leaving Police Chief Tang's lower jaw gaping.

English food was on the menu for the first time in six weeks and we ordered as though the hangman would greet us in the morning, but some made a serious miscalculation. Two weeks on a Chinese diet including, we were reliably informed, goat, camel and snake, had caused severe weight-loss, and we were full after a few mouthfuls. Still, it was good to taste steak and kidney pie again.

The following day a notice was posted informing the challengers that they would leave Xi'an at 7am the next day, a few hours after a black tie concert and dinner party.

The Baldwin twins initiated a petition which requested that we left at 10am and, in the face of rebellion, organizers Voyages Jules Verne pulled the fat out of the fire. We would spend an extra night in the haven of the Golden Flower Hotel, and the remainder of the itinerary would be rearranged to enable us to arrive as planned in Peking on Tuesday.

Much of the frustration of motoring through China, particularly in the more heavily populated east, comes from the driving conditions. Through towns and rural villages it is difficult to improve on the speed of the early caravans of a thousand camels that trundled along the identical road.

Cyclists and pedestrians believe they have an absolute priority and seem genuinely startled to find themselves a few inches from your radiator. The confidence of the police was not enhanced by a couple of accidents. The 1967 BMW motorbike knocked unconscious a cyclist who shot out from a side turning without warning, and the 1939 BSA with sidecar lost a brief tussle with a lorry and ended in a ditch. Neither Colin Barrington nor Graham Gleeson was injured, and after a hammer had repaired the damage the combination was back on the road.

Sometimes the police can be as polite as diplomats. When the radiator in the 1948 Allard driven by Kathy Manley-Tucker blew up in the Gobi desert, and became detached from the convoy, a police car drove back 80 miles to collect them and accompany them to their destination.

We cannot record all we see. Official stops for photography are rare, so we shoot on the move and there are bound to be some unexpected surprises when the films are developed.

Crossing the Gobi was one of the highlights. The landscapes were permanently etched in the mind, although towards the end the desert deteriorated into a sea of scrub and sand. Memorable, too, was the sight of oil bubbling naturally on the surface.

Leaving the sand, we drove through the Gansu Corridor, bordered by mountains, and for some miles we ran parallel to the Great Wall of China. We tried to visit the beginning of this fabled edifice, but the gate was locked.

We moved through fields of barley and rape, and then crawled up and down a range of hills. Each face was perfectly sculpted into level terraces — not a square inch was wasted.

There are incidents which cameras have not recorded. At one petrol station the girl attendant saw a funnel sticking out of the back of the Jeep driven by Canadian Chuck Rathgeb, and enthusiastically pumped a couple of gallons into the spares compartment before she was gently shown the petrol cap.

At Wuwei a police car began to reverse and its warning siren blasted out the unmistakable melody of "Happy Birthday To You".

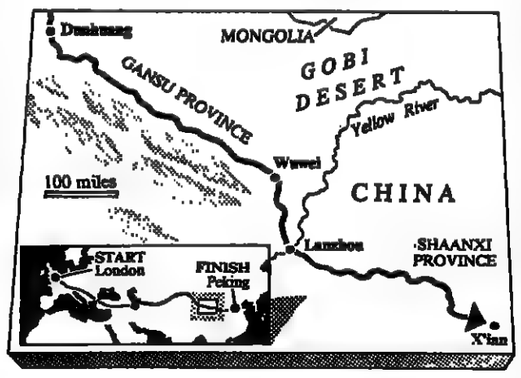
We have become accustomed to living in a goldfish bowl. Video cameras record our progress and we no longer bother to turn on the television every evening to see ourselves as we arrive in each town.

The level of excitement has not diminished, though. Each day brings a fresh stimulation and in Lanzhou we saw what we were assured was the original flying horse, stepping on a swallow, representing power and speed. It would have been an ideal symbol for the Motoring Challenge, before we crossed the border into China.

We have crossed the Yellow River, so named because of its colour, and later took a boat ride on its muddy waters; sewage brown would be a more accurate description nowadays.

Nothing in China has matched our first sight of the Terracotta Army, discovered a few miles from Xi'an in 1974. It was ordered to be made by Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, who ruled from 221BC. He united the country, standardized the currency and the written language, but also ordered the burning of scholarly books.

A tyrant of notable cruelty, Qin's army was fashioned to protect him in the afterlife. He must have known that the gods would seek to punish his barbarism, and if the terracotta soldiers proved half as efficient in that task as today's Shaanxi traffic police, his spirit will have escaped the retribution it deserved.



EATING OUT

Chewing over value for money

Jonathan Meades ponders the question of restaurant rip-offs and the relationship of price to quality

The article I wrote just over a month ago about Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons prompted an extraordinary number of letters. Some of the letters were extraordinary. The only way I can reply, in what is called a family newspaper, to a double-barrel from Stoke Poges who has a wrong-headed notion of my relationship with Raymond Blanc, is to say that my relationship with M Blanc is what is technically known as a non-relationship. OK?

Otherwise: no, I don't write just for dentists and drug-dealers; no, I was not the recipient of some freebie; no, they didn't know I was coming — I booked, as ever, in a false name (actually a variation on my mother's maiden name which is also that of Edgar Poe's lowland precursor).

And — the point of a dozen or so letters — no, I don't think I was done, ripped off, or stitched up. Sure, *je me suis fait eu* — I've been had, now and then. Inevitably. But not here. I'm not sure how much dentistry or drugs £180 would buy me but I do know (research) that such a sum will get you (or me) only one skirt by Azzedine Alaïa, who I reckon is the greatest designer going. (But then I'm one of those animals called men.)

Fancy clothes, jewels (you don't get much more than paste for £180), fine wines, record players, *objets de vertu*, car accessories, (live) horseflesh, optical equipment, porcelain gewgaws — none of these are utilities unless you happen to suffer pathological sybaritism.

They are no more *necessary* than great cooking is. We could all dress at Next, live on a diet of scrapie-burgers, read Jeffrey Archer, sit glued to Michael Barrymore. £180 chez Blanc strikes me as better value than the 20p an Archer might cost at a car boot sale.

There is a pecuniary level at which I often feel I've been done in restaurants, taken for a ride. Why do people go to the Connaught when they could go to Chez Nico? Why do they go to the Ritz when they could go to Harvey's? There is only a shaky correlation between price and quality in this country. There is another, lower, level at which I also often feel I've been done.

Indeed, in every price bracket there are bandits waiting to ambush the ambling punter. £180 for dinner at Le Manoir is not a rip-off, while £4.50 for a plate of cheese at Woolley Grange is. I must rush to state that in general this happy establishment outside Bradford on Avon is not one that stitches up its customers. But the "tray" lunches are a swizz. £6.50 for an item called a "club" sandwich is above and beyond.

But at least you get something to eat; the cheese was one of the most miserably portioned snacks I've come upon — you get more at free promotions in Selfridge's food hall where, also, the service will probably be more willing. Although the "club" sandwiches were made of bacon and smoked chicken, the reaction to a request for bacon alone was what one might have expected had one asked for, say, nightingales' tongues with crystallized nasturtiums.

Woolley Grange is a part-Jacobean, part-early Victorian limestone manor house which was converted into a hotel about 18 months ago. There are few houses around Bath which have not been so converted. This one has two particular attractions.

First, it welcomes children, or at least accepts them — most posh and poshish hotels in this country are too worried about damage to their gruesomely twee decorative schemes to admit the little darlings. Which is, I suppose, fair enough, but when those same hotels allow dogs across the threshold it strikes me that something is very wrong. The only dog at Woolley is the house spaniel, which doesn't mind being kicked and having lumps of dry stone wall lobbed at it: I think this is what is meant by a sporting dog.

There is a nursery with the things that the developing child requires — snooker table, jukebox, pin table; also a minder. There are, one might as well warn potential punters, two sites of possible toddler-wastage — a swimming pool and a fish pond.

The second and, so far as this column goes, more pressing attraction of Woolley Grange is a chef possessed of what sounds like an impressive CV. Yes, he has worked for Le Manoir, yes, he has worked for Harvey's; but then what young chef hasn't? They move around with such tirelessness that they resemble teenage footballers — signed by Pompey, released by So'ton, drifted into non-League with Havant, spotted by Swindon. The fellow here may not dazzle so consistently as his young(ish) masters, but he's obviously skilled and is also confident enough not to rely merely on copying Messrs Blanc and White.

There are, sure enough, certain signs of "influence", but for the most part the cooking stays well this side of plagiarism. Not that culinary plagiarism is to be discouraged: there are countless chefs who should stick to copyism and quite abandon the pursuit of originality. The chef here, Anand Sastry, is not necessarily among them.

I don't know whether the best of his dishes that we ate was of his own devising or not. I had certainly not previously come upon such a creation and await your letters regarding its provenance. It comprised dark grey pasta, the colour car dealers call graphite, with a black sauce and some white bits. The swart colouring agent was squid ink, the white relief — chalk peeping through a slick of tar — was a piece of turbot and some scallops, and the flavours of the ensemble were more varied than their monochromy promised.

The sauce was particularly marine, the pasta wasn't — it was well made, and buttery, but owed nothing but its colour to the late cephalopod. Both turbot and scallop were excellent. This is an altogether terrific dish, and if it outpointed everything else on the menu that's no great deprecation of everything else.

A vegetable terrine tastes like Sandwich Spread made in Provence, and is undermined only by the inclusion of dill. Sauces are light, cleanly flavoured, gentle, impressive; the one that accompanied a dish of guinea fowl was of Sauternes, and compensated for the rather wimp-like bird. Chicken, done with shallots and garlic, was the superior meat. And a ragout of lamb was properly made.

These main courses are subjected to a sort of scattergun effect, with vegetables strewn here and everywhere in a simulation of randomness. These vegetables, and those served in copious quantity on an extra plate (one plate per table, none of those fiddly crescents), are more than production-line accessories.

They include ferrous greens, gratin potatoes, radishes and carrots so tiny they are foetal rather than "baby". (There is a large, varied vegetable garden.) Puddings: prune tart with walnut ice-cream; pineapple ice-cream; orange sorbet with orange "terrine", i.e. pressed oranges. The wine list, like that of most hotels, begins at too high a pitch.

Breaking the rule of a lifetime I ordered one of the "house" wines, a liquid made from grapes near Toulon, and was advised against it by the sommelier. Well, that's what he's for — but why is the stuff being offered in the first place?

Along with the rest of the house, the dining-room is good looking and free of hotelier's taste. The place is, on the contrary, filled with covetable items of furniture, and there are better than usual watercolours littering the walls. An effort has been made to render the house as un-hotel-like as possible, which is commendable, to a point. But no one is really fooled. This is a site of commercial transactions, and Woolley Grange's time and space don't come cheap; besides which, quite a few of the staff exhibit a chirpy pertness that suggests they are out to emulate Celia Imrie in Acorn Antiques.

But the restaurant service is on the ball, none the less. Two will pay about £85-plus for dinner, a sum that is now about par for cooking of this standard. Whether such a sum is reasonable is another matter. And how Woolley Grange compares in price/quality with Le Manoir is a third: the fact is that Woolley Grange is one of many, Le Manoir is on its own. Whether a nation with the lowest per capita expenditure on food in western Europe can ever appreciate that difference, which is a £100 difference, is moot.

FRANCIS MOSLEY

Q. What is a critic?
A. A man who knows the value of everything and the price of quality

WOOLLEY GRANGE
★★★★★★
Woolley Green, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire (02216 4705/4773)
Lunch and dinner every day; £85-plus; major cards.

DIRECTORY

Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices on this page are for a three-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the establishment's repertoire. I accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

CHELSEA

Golden Duck
★★★★★
6 Hollywood Road, London SW10 (071-352 3500/4498)
The first of the smart Peking/Szechuan restaurants that are now surburban norms, and still among the best. Crisp lamb breast, hot cheung-du chicken, Szechuan duck, paper-wrapped chicken are all commendable. Urbane punters, urbane décor, serious wine list. £45.

The Waterfront
★★★★★
Harbour Yard, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (071-352 4562/4619)
Accomplished newish-wave Venetian cooking in a handsome restaurant overlooking the marina. Service is a bit at odds with the kitchen and is stuck in the era of the pepper grinder. The meat dishes are not the kitchen's strong point, but the fish is good and inventive: bass with scampi, scallops with balsamic vinegar, pasta with dried mullet roe. Poorish wines. £65.

Monkeys
★★★★
1 Cale Street, London SW3 (071-352 4711)
Shabby, panelled, rather dated Chelsea bistro, some of whose dishes are good and some of which might be very good, were just a tiny bit more trouble taken. Châteaubriand is, oddly, served with *nouvelle cuisine*-style veg purées; raviolis of lobster and bass are well flavoured, if inaccurately cooked; the cheeses are copiously portioned and well kept. Chaotic wine list, pleasant service. £68.

BISTROS

Landgate Bistro
★★★★★
5 Landgate, Rye, East Sussex (0797 222829)
Pleasant and unfussy and thus rather unexpected among the tea-shoppes of Olde Rye. The cooking is simple, unaffected, basically French bourgeois. Fish stew with world-class aioli, duck with lime sauce, lamb with tomato and basil sauce. Well chosen cheap wines. £50.

Le Lion
★★★★
106 Black Lion Lane, London W6 (081-748 9070)
Extremely cramped bistro serving generally well made dishes such as pork with brandy and junipers and chicken with a creamy vermouth sauce. Inexpensive wines. £48.

Pierre Victoire
★★★★
10 Victoria Street, Edinburgh 1 (031 225 1721)
Chaotic, cramped, noisy, animated bistro in Edinburgh Old Town. The cooking, within its limitations, is mostly pretty good and is excellent value for money. Scallops with warm smoked salmon, halibut with mussels, pork with mango sauce. The service is liable to disruption. £35.

Le Cadre
★★★★
10 Priory Road, London N8 (081-348 0606)
Vigorously Francophile bistro in an otherwise poorly served part of London. However, it's not just popular by default. Some of the cooking hints at a standard above the usual: lamb with sage sauce, caramelized onion soup, etc. The service is slow, the wines are diligently chosen. £48.

McCoy's
★★★★★
17 Skeldergate, York (0904 612191)
Yorkshire's finest restaurateurs, the McCoy triplets, have converted a sometime warehouse beside the Ouse. The cooking is akin to that at their home-base bistro at Staddlebridge: great boudin noir, calf's liver, steak and kidney pie. The place is all brick and dark wood, the view is beguiling. £30-£50.

Didier
★★★★
5 Warwick Place, London W9 (071-286 7484)
Early Seventies bistro, a shrine to Laura Ashley fabrics. The cooking is homely and done with real care: potato-based soups, kidneys in mustard, steak with garlic butter, exceptionally good potato purée. The service is on the relaxed side but it is a nice place in which to linger. £50.

Gilbert's
★★★★
2 Exhibition Road, London SW7 (071-589 8947)
Though it appears to be a survivor of the bistro boom of the Sixties, this is actually a recently opened restaurant serving rather nice food with a minimum of pretension. Rabbit with tarragon cream sauce, marinated steak en brochette, fine ice-creams and sweets, interesting petits vins. £50.

Sonny's
★★★★
94 Church Road, London SW13 (081-748 0393)
Congenial and rather austerely decorated modern bistro whose cooking seems to have won it an audience that comes not just from the immediate locale. The menu is eclectic: fish soup based on conger; merguez with tabbouleh; veal with oyster mushrooms; wild duck with a fine celeriac purée; walnut tart. Well chosen wines. Good-natured service. £50.

Le Plat du Jour
★★★★
19 Hampstead Road, London NW1 (071-387 9644)
Pleasant little French bourgeois lunchtime joint that offers well made dishes at very reasonable prices: fish soup with rouille, beef stew, rack of lamb, strawberry feuilleté. The décor is simple, the wines are cheap. £42.

DRINK

Sweetest part of summer

Sauternes while the sun shines, Jane MacQuitty recommends

Sweet wines and summer go together like strawberries and cream. A warm afternoon, a deckchair on the balcony and a cool bottle of a sweet, golden wine is my idea of heaven. Yet few wine drinkers seem to share my summer passion for sweet wines, or enjoy them during other seasons.

A century ago the Victorians enjoyed drinking sweet wines, particularly the fortified versions such as sherry, Madeira and Malaga. Earlier still, sweet wines such as Hungary's Tokay, Bordeaux's Château d'Yquem and South Africa's "Great" Constantia Muscats were prized by Europe's royalty.

Times change; dry wines are fashionable now. This may be a backlash to the cheap, sweet, sulphuric white wines that flowed on to our wine-shop shelves in the Sixties and Seventies with labels such as Entre Deux Mers and Graves. Wine-making techniques in Bordeaux have improved since then and today's equivalent, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux, offers some good wines among the dreary. What is ironic about our new-found delight in dry drinks, is that Britain is still a sweet-toothed nation. For years Liebfraumilch has been our favourite wine, followed by Italian Lambrusco.

Devotees of sweet wines never worry about when to serve their luscious, prized bottles, but others often find this a problem. In the summer, I am a great fan of the mid-morning or mid-afternoon glassful, consumed with a sweet biscuit or a piece of fresh fruit. This sounds a lot more decadent than it is, but given the high alcohol level of many sweet wines — even the non-fortified kind often weigh in at 14 per cent alcohol — this is best left to weekends. Sweet white wines are perfect with fruit-packed puddings, and a post-prandial glass works well on its own. The French like to serve their finest sweet wine, Sauternes, with expensive delicacies such as *foie gras* or Roquefort. Other European countries serve sweet wines as aperitifs, whatever the weather.

Sweet white wines are made all over the world, but I think France still produces the best. The magic ingredient in the finest French sweet wines, *pourriture noble*, or noble rot, turns up less frequently in Germany's vineyards. French wine-makers, principally in Sauternes and the outlying areas of Bordeaux, and the Loire's Anjou-Touraine region, are thrilled when their vineyards are attacked by this mould, whose proper name is *botrytis cinerea*. Gradually it turns ripe, healthy grapes into rotten, shrivelled raisins, pock-marked with dusty moulds. As the grape shrivels, moisture is driven off and a highly concentrated, glycerol-high juice is produced.

Botrytis cinerea does not occur every year, and when it does it is usually on sunny autumn days with damp, early-morning mists and late-evening fogs. The spores of noble rot do not spread evenly through a vineyard but drift slowly and unpredictably. French vignerons have to make numerous autumn "tries" or sorties through their vines to harvest the clusters of noble rot-affected grapes.

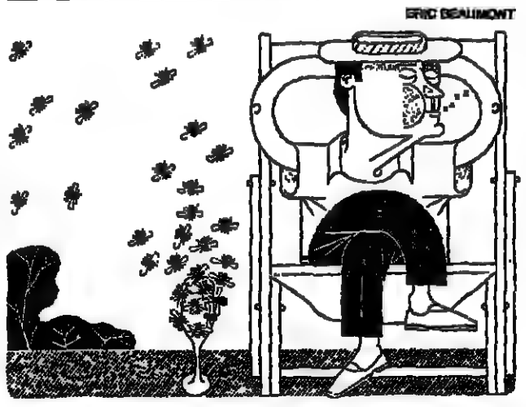
The considerable expense of making Sauternes and other noble rot wines means that they have high price-tags, and it is easy to see why they are mostly ignored by wine merchants and supermarkets. Imported Sauternes vintages such as the recent '88, '86 and '83 are offered by specialists, but I cannot remember the last time anyone ran a mixed offer of sweet wines. So master of wine Jasper Morris, of Morris & Verdin, 28 Churton Street, London SW1, deserves a medal for his recently launched "Great Sweet Wines of France" offer.

Sauternes forms the backbone of this offer and Jasper Morris concentrates on the '89 vintage from five important Sauternes and Barsac properties. The '88 vintage in Sauternes was much admired by press and merchants alike, but Morris believes that the '89s are richer and in the long run will have more finesse than the elegant '88s. Put him to the test and order either Climens or Suduiraut '89 Sauternes for £298 a case, and Raymond Lafon's version for £278 *en primeur* — in other words, without shipping, duty and VAT charges, all of which will be levied when the wines are shipped over here in two years. These are likely to work out at about £16 a case, and if a wine priced at £26.17 a bottle is outside your budget, try one of the great sweet wines of the Loire instead, available here soon for about a third of the price.

My favourite of these '89 Loire wines is the Château de Fesles, La Chapelle, a Bonnezeux wine priced at £195.50 a case, with a deliciously rich, powerful, musky-grapey style. The cost-conscious should home in on the '89 Château des Rochettes, a Coteaux du Layon wine, whose elegant waxy-honeyed apricot-like style is given away at £73.60 a case. I also enjoyed another Coteaux du Layon wine, the '89 Domaine d'Ambinos (£89.70 a case), a Coteaux du Layon-Beaulieu wine with a rich, biscuity scent and marzipan taste that is not in quite the same league as the others. I suggest you send off now to Jasper Morris for these luscious sweet wines.

For those who cannot wait for these wines to arrive and mature, I recently tried a selection of high street sweet wines. The best value was the '89 Banchereau, a Coteaux du Layon Saint Aubin de Luigné wine with a sweet, rich marzipan style (Majestic Wine Warehouses, £3.59). If nothing but Sauternes will do, the best value half-bottle I have found is the moreish '87 Bastor-Lamontagne from Safeway (£4.45), with a waxy scent and peachy-pineapple palate. At the next quality level is the rich, waxy-flowery '85 Château Doisy-Dubroca Sauternes (Waitrose, £8.95). Finer still is the '87 Château Guiteronde du Haye Sauternes from Peter Dominic (£7.95), which has a glorious peach scent and rich, peachy-flowery palate. Equally good is the '83 Château Filhot Sauternes from Davisons (£9.50 a half bottle), which has a buttercup gold colour and a fine, rich, buttery-flowery palate. The '86 Rieussec is a fancier Sauternes name, but Oddbins' £17.99 bin-end bottle, with its big, bold waxy scent and apricot-like palate, is not as good.

ERIC BEAUMONT



WINE BUYS

● **1986 Volnay, Laboure-Roi, Safeway, £3.95**
Safeway originally stocked the 1983 vintage of this wine but the 1986, with its fragrant, smoky scent and glorious, rich, gamey, liquorice-like palate, is as good.

● **1988 Collavini, Pinot Grigio, Sainsbury, £3.75**
As I mentioned last week, Italian Pinot Gris or Grigios are not in the same league as those of France. But this pleasant, zesty, marzipan-like white makes a good summer quaffer.

● **1988 Rulander, Auslese Trocken from Gunderloch-Uslinger in the Rheinhessen**, mentioned in last week's column, can be obtained from Walter Siegel, 50 Battersea Park Road, London SW11. Its delicious, ripe, peachy oriental spice and multi-layered palate made it an easy first in my Pinot Gris tasting.

THE TIMES COOK

GREAT BRITISH CLASSICS

Gooseberry fool

THE gooseberry has never enjoyed a high reputation in classical French cookery (*Frances Bissell writes*), and it is rare to come across any recipe for gooseberries in French cookery books except for the "sauce aux groseilles" which is, in any case, in *L'Art Culinaire Français* to be found in the "Sauces Anglaises Chaudes" section and designated to be served with grilled mackerel. The French name for gooseberry, the "groseille à macquereau", is taken from this common usage, while the English name is probably a corruption of the *French*.

It is very much a northern fruit, known in Britain in Anglo-Saxon times and cultivated by the 13th century. In the 16th and 17th centuries the gooseberry was already being used to make a sauce to accompany fish. Green gooseberries, rather than the amber and red dessert gooseberries, have an agreeable acidity which can be used to good effect with fish and meat. The high pectin content of the fruit makes them good candidates for the jam pan. I like them in pies and puddings too but, best of all, in that early summer treat, a thick, creamy gooseberry fool.

As with most traditional recipes, there are slight variations to the method of proceeding, none of which detracts from the authenticity. The fruit, once cooked, can be sieved or not. I prefer the extra flavour and thickness of the unsieved fool; others will prefer the smoothness which comes from sieving. The creaminess of the fool can come from a real egg custard sauce, whipping cream, double cream whipped with a little milk or single cream. If using unsieved fruit they should be topped and tailed, an operation best carried out with a pair of scissors, I have found.

Gooseberry Fool
(Serves 4 to 6)

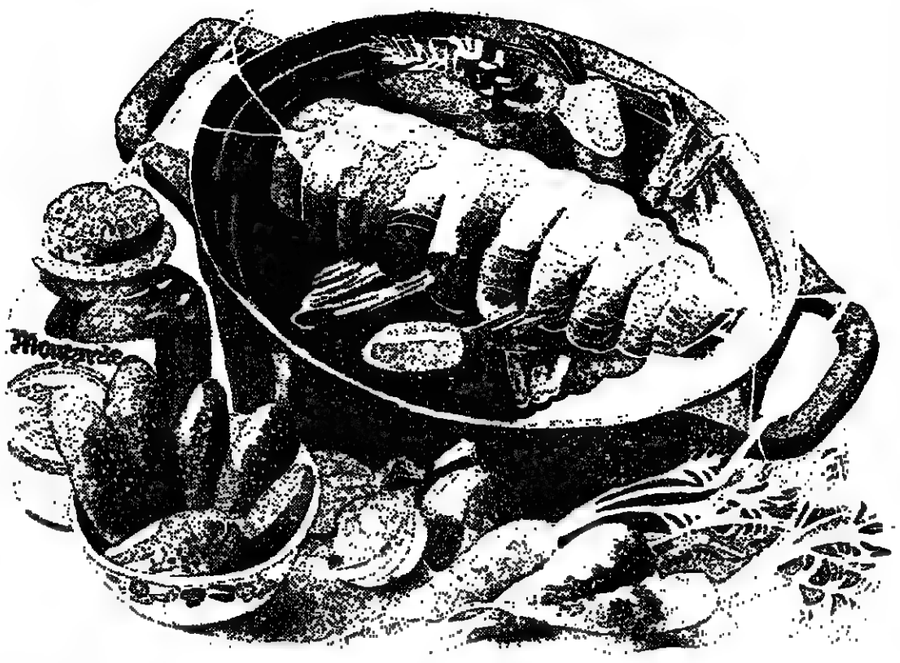
- 1lb/455g gooseberries
- ¾pt/140ml water
- caster sugar to taste
- ¾pt/430ml custard, cream etc

Rinse the gooseberries thoroughly, and put in a saucepan with the water. Simmer until the gooseberries are soft and pulpy, and stir in sufficient sugar. Crush (*fouler*, to crush in French, is probably the origin of the name of this old English sweet) the fruit, sieve if you wish, and allow to cool. When cold, gently stir in the custard or cream, and spoon into suitable containers. I like to use stemmed glasses for fools and cream puddings.

Meat and fish for the cold table are perfect subjects for the gentle art of poaching, **Frances Bissell** writes

Tender treatment for poachers

DIANA LEADBETTER



Poaching is one of the best methods of cooking food that is to be served cold. It has a gentle heat which keeps fish and meat moist and tender, and does not give a hardened outside layer, such as you get with grilling, frying and roasting. Cooked in water rather than fat or oil, there is no unpleasant congealing of butter, for example, when the dish is allowed to cool.

Small cuts of meat and fish respond well to poaching, as do whole fish and chicken. If I am planning to serve a chicken salad, I poach it. A salmon or salmon trout to be served cold and garnished is poached. Until I bought my own fish kettle, I could always borrow one from my fishmonger; I wonder how many wet-fish counters in our supermarkets are as accommodating?

In fish, as in eggs, the protein or albumen requires only the lightest cooking to make it palatable, just enough to set or coagulate. With meat, unless you are cooking it to flavour a stock, it should be immersed in boiling water first to seal in the juices, and then the heat can be lowered. Chicken is not the only meat suitable for poaching. A classic French dish, *boeuf à la ficelle*, requires a piece of good tender beef fillet or trimmed sirloin, to be suspended in water or stock and poached. While this cooking method turns the piece of beef rather grey on the outside, it is a most appetizing rosy pink on the inside. This is definitely a dish to carve in the kitchen and serve sliced on a platter with accompanying vegetables, sea salt, mustard, horseradish, gherkins and other pickles. It makes for a very simple and unusual Sunday lunch.

It is a pity to mask such clean flavour and, indeed, such a healthy method of cooking with rich sauces. This means aiming for the best-quality ingredients. Always on the lookout for tasty chickens, whether free-range or organically reared, I have been impressed with the Home Farm free range chickens. They are fed on a diet of vegetable matter only (no fish meal, animal protein or fat is added to the diet), including a minimum of 70 per cent cereals. The breed of hen, derived from a traditional breed, is a slow grower, which is what gives the meat real flavour and texture. Instead of the usual 42 days for an intensively reared broiler, these reach table weight at 77 days, just a week less than the French "Label Rouge" birds. Home Farm birds cost £1.49 to £1.59 a pound and are available nationally from Cobb and Dewhurst butchers and Budgen Stores, and from Harrods.

If buying fish for poaching, look for very fresh fish with bright eyes, shiny skin and firm, springy flesh. Avoid limp, dull, dry-looking specimens. Thick cutlets poach better than thin fillets, since the latter practically cook in the steam before they reach the water. A middle cut of salmon will be more successfully poached than a tail piece since the thinner end will cook more quickly than the thicker end.

I have not mentioned poached eggs. The Burgundian way of serving them is delicious, poached in red wine with herbs and served on garlic-rubbed toast with a sauce made of the reduced wine, seasoned and thickened with *beurre manié* (butter and flour worked together). Marvellous for supper with bread and a green salad. More elaborate versions include scraps of bacon and small onions.

The salmon recipe is not for everyday cooking. Although not a difficult dish to prepare in terms of techniques, it is time-consuming in that it involves several different operations, and the garnish of cucumber scales takes time to put in place. But it is a fine centrepiece for a summer party nevertheless.

Poached chicken with tarragon and peppercorns
(Serves 6)

- 4lb/1.80kg free-range chicken
- ½ lemon
- 1 onion
- 1 celery stalk
- 2 bay leaves
- 6 to 8 sprigs of French tarragon
- 1 tsp black peppercorns
- 1 tsp pink peppercorns
- 2 tsp green peppercorns
- ½ bottle dry white wine
- water

If the chicken is trussed, leave it that way for a neater shape when cooked. Remove any excess fat from the cavity, and rub the chicken all over with the cut lemon. Take off some of the lemon zest, and put this inside the chicken. Peel and thinly slice the onion and the celery. Put half inside the chicken together with one of the bay leaves and two or three tarragon sprigs. Put the rest of the vegetables, herbs and peppercorns in a large saucepan, casserole or stockpot, and lay the chicken on top. Pour on the wine, and top up with water to just cover the chicken. Bring to the boil, skim off any foam which forms on the surface, partially cover the pan, turn the heat down to the gentlest simmer, and poach the chicken for one and a half hours. To make a sauce to serve with the chicken, ladle about ¾pt/430ml stock into a small saucepan together with a few more mixed peppercorns and a teaspoon of chopped fresh tarragon. Reduce by half, and season to taste. Cream can be added for a richer sauce if you wish.

Cold poached salmon glazed with cucumber and fresh mint jelly
(Serves 6 to 8)

- 4lb/1.80kg salmon or salmon trout
- 2 cucumbers
- 1 tbsp sea salt
- good bunch of mint
- 4 sheets gelatine

Court bouillon

- 1 onion
- 2 celery stalks
- 1 leek
- 1 carrot
- 2 bay leaves
- handful of parsley stalks
- 1 or 2 sprigs thyme or tarragon
- 2 or 3 mint sprigs
- 1 bottle dry white wine
- 3pt/1.70l water
- 1 tsp peppercorns
- 2 tsp sea salt

Make the court bouillon first. Peel and chop the vegetables and put in a saucepan with the rest of the ingredients. Simmer for 20 minutes, and strain into a jug. Allow to cool slightly. Put the fish on a rack in the fish kettle, and pour the liquid over it, adding more water to cover if necessary. Bring gently to the point where the water surface bubbles just two or three times, then turn the heat down as low as possible. Cover and poach for 35 minutes. Lift the rack out of the kettle, and gently ease the fish on to a large board or platter for serving. Allow to cool before skinning.

While the fish is poaching, prepare the cucumber by peeling it in strips using a peeler which will take off the thinnest layer. Cut in half lengthways and scoop out the seeds. Slice as thinly as possible, put in a sieve over a bowl, and sprinkle with salt. Leave for half an hour, and then rinse and press dry on layers of kitchen paper. While the fish is cooling, make the mint jelly. Put a pint of cooking liquid in a saucepan, and bring to the boil. Put in about an ounce of mint, stalks and leaves, keeping the best sprigs for garnish. Simmer for a minute, and then remove from the heat. Infuse for 10 minutes, and then strain. Soften the gelatine in a little water or stock, and then stir it into the hot stock. Pour into a jug set in a bowl of ice cubes to encourage it to cool as quickly as possible, but do not allow it to set completely. To glaze the salmon and cucumber, it should have a firm enough consistency to be painted on with a pastry brush.

Skin the salmon and blot off any excess moisture. Paint on a layer of jelly, and when it is tacky begin to arrange the cucumber over the fish to resemble scales. Dip each piece of cucumber into the jelly first. Brush a final layer of jelly over the cucumber scales, and allow to set. Pour the remaining jelly into a shallow dish, and when set, chop it small. Garnish the platter with sprigs of mint and chopped jelly, together with other decorative edible flowers and greenery.

Boeuf à la ficelle (beef poached on a string)
(Serves 6)

- 2lb/900g piece of organic beef fillet, rump or sirloin (trimmed of fat)
- 1 or 2 carrots
- 2 celery stalks
- 1 turnip
- 1 onion
- 4 cloves
- 2 tsp salt
- 12 black peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf
- To serve watercress
- mustard
- horseradish sauce
- gherkins
- coarse sea salt

For this, you need a large saucepan or stockpot. Tie the meat parcel-fashion into a neat shape with sufficient string to suspend the meat either from the handle or a wooden spoon laid across the top of the pan. The meat should not touch the bottom of the pan. Test this before you start to cook. Peel and trim the vegetables. Slice the celery and turnip, quarter the onion, sticking each piece with a clove, and cut the carrots into batons. Put the vegetables and seasonings in the saucepan with enough water to cover the meat. Bring to a full rolling boil, and put the meat in the water. The water will immediately go off the boil, but bring it back to boiling before turning the heat down to the gentlest simmer to allow the meat to poach for 15 minutes per 1lb/455g. Have a hot serving dish ready and all the accompaniments. Transfer the meat to the dish, slice and serve.

About halfway through cooking time, boil separately a selection of baby vegetables to serve with the meat, if you wish. Those vegetables cooked with the meat will probably be too soft.

As an alternative to beef, try another dish cooked "on the string", duck breasts. Tied into small neat parcels, these are poached in a stock made from a chicken carcass. The recipe comes from *Memories of Gascony* (Pyramid Books, £19.95), a collection of fine seasonal recipes and childhood reminiscences by Pierre Koffman, chef patron of Tante Claire in London.

Magrets de canard à la ficelle (duck breasts cooked on a string)

- 4 duck breasts, skinned and boned, bones reserved
- 1 chicken carcass
- 4½oz/120g carrots, quartered
- 4oz/100g onions, halved and singed over an open flame
- 4 small leeks
- 4 small turnips
- 1 bouquet garni
- 1 clove
- 10 black peppercorns
- salt

Prepare the stock by boiling the duck bones and chicken carcass with 7pt/4l water. Skim well, then add the vegetables, bouquet garni, clove, peppercorns and salt, and cook for 30 minutes. Pass the stock through a sieve, and keep the vegetables for the garnish.

Tie a piece of string round each duck breast, and cook them in the simmering stock for seven to eight minutes if you like the meat rare (allow a little longer if you prefer it better done). Slice the cooked duck, place on individual plates, and arrange the vegetables beside it. Spoon over four tablespoons of stock, and serve with mustard, gherkins or coarse salt.

LIVING WELL

Watered down purity

AT EVERY restaurant I have frequented in the past few months, whenever mineral water has been ordered (not by me), tall glasses have been brought, packed with chunks of crude ice. I can think of at least two objections to this practice. Are we to believe that the cubes are also made from the Evian, Volvic, Vittel or whatever we have ordered? If not (as one reasonably suspects), why do we pay breathtaking prices for *eau de source* only to de-nature it with plain old domestic junk water?

The second objection to this gastronomic solecism is that iced water — and, even more so, watered ice — should be rigorously eschewed at table, as being a guaranteed palate-numbing taste-killer. It was the Americans, with their fervent espousal of Perrier for all occasions, who introduced the equally indefensible practice of drinking sparkling water with food. This is bad for the digestion and the French (who *invented* spring water — and food, for that matter) never do it. In France Perrier is drunk either by itself (chilled, often with a slice of lemon) as a summer thirst-quencher, or as a mixer with fruit syrups or with Scotch.

WATER in *whisky*? Och aye. The notion that dilution of the nectar is a no-no is pure Scotch myth. I have this on the authority of no less a figure than Ian Grieve, Master Blender at Arthur Bell, which is introducing six hallowed names in single malt to the larger market. Any good malt whisky, he says, contains 500 or so separate, detectable strands, as the media people say, of savour or flavour. If you warm (with your hands) a tulip glass of this ambrosia and apply the nose above — or below, depending on the amount of dedication and of nose — the rim, you will detect a goodish number of these inner spirits. But add water — still spring water, of course, and ideally *Scottish* spring water, for deep calls to deep — you will unlock many more of these subtle secrets.

A GROUCHO Marxist line on Scotland's great gift to humanity from Dr Magnus Pyke: "I have whisky at lunchtime because I don't like it at breakfast." Perhaps he was talking about the Irish variety.

HOTELS are born free, and are everywhere in chains. One that conspicuously is not is the Pelham, in South Kensington, London, the latest of the small-is-beautiful hostelries blossoming shyly in the more des bits of the capital. (The general manager, Sally Bulloch, is fresh from the Draycott in Cadogan Gardens, an earlier model of the genre.)

A neat way to start an evening on the town is to order a glass of the Pelham's house champagne (from an obscure but honourable outfit called Deutz) in the "Smoking Room". This will put spring in your step as you ankle round to, say, Hilaire, which is just around the corner, or up Pelham Street to the Francophoney cluster of Le Suquet, Bibendum in the Michelin Building or La Poissonerie de l'Avenue (les Delices St Quentin and Les Vins Nicholas complete the sense of Parisian *déjà vu*).

YOU would think that in view of the habitually indifferent cuisine they serve, the routine cynicism of their waiters and the current economic climate, English restaurateurs might be well advised to curb their natural avarice. Not a bit of it. The nasty practice of leaving the total box blank on credit card vouchers continues unabated and indeed seems to be on the increase. This ill-mannered and self-defeating practice does not happen in France (where 15 per cent service is invariably included in the total) or anywhere else I know.

FOLLOWING a piece I wrote in praise of the choice cheese choice available to customers of Jereboams and Paxton & Whitfield in London and Wells Stores in Streatley, Arthur Cunynghame writes in gentle remonstrance: "The contention that one must be resigned to supermarket cheeses if one does not live within easy reach of the three excellent cheese shops you mention is not justified."

He goes on to point out that "there is an increasingly large number of specialist cheese shops throughout the country" and cites (while noting that his list is not exhaustive) the Mousetrap in Hereford, the Cheeseboard in Harrogate, the Kensington Gardens Cheese Shop in Brighton, the House of Cheese in Tetbury, Cheese Cuisine in Newark and Pugsons of Buxton.

Since Mr Cunynghame runs the highly-reputed Langmans in Stratford-upon-Avon, his good opinion is good to have.

Charles Hennessy

A girl and three men in a Beat

Peter Ackroyd on the woman who survived a lost generation

A memoir of the "Beat" generation, *Off The Road* begins with a quotation from Dante; the fact that Carolyn Cassady chooses the first lines of *Inferno* suggests the nature, or at least the destination, of the "road" ahead of her. The narrative opens with her first sight of Neal Cassady in 1947, while she was studying at the University of Denver, and it ends with that restless and driven man's ashes being mingled with those of Jack Kerouac. It was not, in any sense, a happy journey. The road, in the end, led nowhere but to pain and unhappiness.

For those who do not know, or cannot now remember, Cassady, Kerouac and Ginsberg established what became known as the "Beat" generation of writers; the first two in particular were wanderers, escapists, observers, drifters, disappointed men. The movement, if such it was, really sprang into prominence when the US Customs seized Allen Ginsberg's *Howl* in 1957. That other testament for an apparently lost generation, Kerouac's *On The Road*, was published in the same year.

Carolyn Cassady hardly seems a likely partner for the trio — although indeed she married one, and had a love affair with Kerouac. In her own account (which seems a genuine one) she emerges as a respectable American girl, innocent, even at times ingenuous, but certainly not a hard-drinking, drug-dazed wanderer on the model of her errant husband. In fact it is this disparity between herself and Neal Cassady which comprises a large part of the interest, and the drama, of this book. It is an intensely readable account of a woman who slowly begins to penetrate the wry, affectionate, and almost charismatic figure of her husband to find the disturbed human being underneath. It is clear from the letters she quotes that he was an instinctive and skilful writer whose talents were largely squandered; but as a man he was selfish, dishonest, and, in the end, quite clearly mad. The fact that he was both charming and disarming makes for a portrayal whose complexity is amply justified by its obvious faithfulness.

Yet in those days, before the rights of women had been firmly established, Carolyn Cassady was largely a victim. She was the one who had to preserve their children when her husband went on his binges or continued an assortment of extramarital affairs. She was in every sense left behind when Cassady, Kerouac and Ginsberg made their own turbulent way. The point is that they were really only interested in each other, and the women were merely conveniences *en route*.

OFF THE ROAD
Twenty Years With Cassady, Kerouac and Ginsberg
By Carolyn Cassady
Black Spring Press, £16.95

There is an interesting study to be made of the spouses or lovers of writers — in many cases they are literally the preservers of the writer's life and imagination (and of course, after death, of reputation). They are the invisible companions without whom none of the work would have been possible. And when, as on this occasion, the normally unheard partner finds a voice, the results can be startling. The perspective which Carolyn Cassady provides on the "Beat" generation may in itself not be particularly novel or surprising, but there are some intimate portraits here of those whose lives cannot be said fully to live up to the myths which have since been created out of them. In particular Kerouac emerges as a shy, private, almost prudish man, who spent most of his time with his mother, and whose latter years were marked by nothing so much as miserliness and ingratitude.

Yet the end is to be found in the beginning, and even at the very start of their lives what strange and unfulfilled dreamers Kerouac and Cassady seemed to be — working on the railways or in parking lots, their books unwritten or, if written, rejected. There was a desperation about them which emerges as much in the strange and sometimes fatal couplings of Neal Cassady's love life as in their somewhat sentimental interest in Buddhism and the occult. They may have been the predecessors of the hippies, as everyone suggests, yet with this difference — they believed in personal achievement, even, perhaps especially, when they found it difficult or impossible to attain: "they just scattered their energies fruitlessly", as Carolyn Cassady reports.

And yet it was not entirely tragic: there was also a great deal of humour and a certain amount of plain silliness; they acted up, and acted around, and there is a sense in which the real secret of their lives lay in the fact that they tried unsuccessfully to live up to some literary ideal of what the life of a writer ought to be like. Of course the life of a writer is never "like" anything. In many cases it can hardly be said to exist. That is why he or she is a writer in the first place.

Then, after years of waiting, and trying, and disappointment, the success came; *Howl* made Ginsberg famous, and this was swiftly followed by Kerouac's *On The Road*, with its semi-fictional account of his friendship with Cassady under the name of Dean Moriarty. It was, paradoxically, at this moment that Cassady was arrested on a drugs charge and consigned to San Quentin; effectively his life was over. It all ended so sadly — drugs eventually destroyed Cassady at the age of 43, and drink killed off Kerouac. They seemed in their own ways to be actively seeking for death, or mindlessness, as if the only thing left in sober reality was pain and guilt. In the end it was only Carolyn Cassady who came through; she grew stronger as a result of these experiences. It was the men, after all, who were weak and vacillating and self-destructive. The woman survived, and *Off The Road* is as much a testament to her own strength as it is a memoir of a lost male generation.

Telling it like it was

Peter Jones

The modern ear, attuned to the miracles of Shakespeare and Jane Austen, can find the characters of Greek literature (Homer apart) noticeably wooden, mere cardboard cut-outs parroting their concerns for "wisdom", "prudence", "courage", and "moderation". Housman's famous parody

And, O my son, be, on the one hand good,
And do not, on the other hand, be bad

gets it just about right. The main purpose of the papers of this 1987 Oxford *colloquium* is squarely to face this problem: to what extent *are* the characters of Greek literature individualized, given those unique traits of personality to which we, reader and audience, have privileged access, and to what extent are they mechanical ciphers?

Gill begins by showing with great sensitivity how effectively stock and personal characteristics — I am tempted to say public and private — are combined in powerful but enigmatic figures such as Achilles, Ajax, and Medea, who countenance devastating public loss at considerable personal price for often complex reasons. Halliwell, after arguing that Homeric heroes *do* have a concept of a separate "self", shows that the orator Isocrates' fawning encomium of Evagoras was composed with one eye shut and the other firmly fixed on an orators' traditional check-list of proper "ethical dispositions".

CHARACTERIZATION AND INDIVIDUALITY IN GREEK LITERATURE
Edited by C.B.R. Pelling
Oxford, £30

Working the same seam, Russell demonstrates that a brilliant speech-writer like Lysias *could* avoid the cliché-trap and, through realism and good humour, turn an unsympathetic rathag of a client into a warm-hearted and appealing rogue. Pelling compares how Plutarch's *Lives* and Strachey's *Eminent Victorians* characterize the young. He finds that the ancient tendency to look out for stock characteristics leaves them notably quirk-free.

The discussions of Greek tragedy and comedy deal with complex contemporary problems of *persona*, reality, and fantasy. Easterling and Goldhill worry that people on the tragic stage are "constructs" and not "real", and that, when they fight, they do not *really* kill each other (would it improve matters if they did?), and how difficult it is to draw conclusions. But we have a text in front of us, which unless the author wrote the words by accident does actually represent his intentions (sharp intake of breath at whiff of "intentionalist fallacy"), which contains an argument, and which is susceptible to reasoned historical analysis. Everything we know about the Greek stage suggests that dramatists wanted, within their conventions, to represent reality, and I can see nothing wrong with the proposition that the Greeks, like us, entered the theatre to suspend disbelief, treat the figures on stage as real people, and make judgements about them on the strength of what they did and said, just like real (and reel) life. Suggestiveness is the mark of a fine writer: he *wants* us to argue about motive, however fruitlessly. The fact that scholars cannot solve the problem is neither here nor there.

Taplin on the character of Agamemnon in the *Iliad* (a rat), and Coventry on the sympathy that Plato shows to the respondents in his dialogues, are soundly text- and context-based; and the star of the show is Griffin's merry romp through Euripides' *Hippolytus*. The youthful Hippolytus is here seen indulging in that kinkiest of all sexual perversions, chastity. Taking Joseph and Potiphar's wife as his paradigm, Griffin gives a most stimulating account of how Euripides so constructed the plot as to make the great scenes — the older woman failing to seduce the young man, and then denouncing him for rape before her husband — impossible. Phaedra in Euripides' version is herself chaste, and ashamed of her passion for Hippolytus: she is dead when Theseus reads her false accusation. Griffin argues that one of Euripides' intentions (*that* word again) was to generate a more complex psychological situation.

This is a splendid collection of papers, but there is one central issue in the debate which is infrequently aired in them, and that is the *language* that characters in Greek dramas use. Yet *le style, c'est l'homme même*. How about a *colloquium* on that topic next?

French without tears

FOR CHILDREN
Brian Alderson

COMMENT s'arrangera-t-elle, la tante de mon jardinier? For the gardener is now no longer to be found, and his aunt's pen has been consigned to the dustbin of history (*"Autrefois, on écrivait à la plume"*). From now on she must write with *un stylo*.

But there are compensations. Seldom before can hopeful young francophiles have been introduced to so many words and concepts in such jolly fashion.

There are 3,336 of these words all divided up into boxes, 20 or so to a page, and in each box there is an English term, in alphabetical sequence, with the French equivalent and funny little picture, guaranteed by the publisher to be non-sexist and non-racist. (Occasionally the system has to be modified: *gouverner*, for instance, is clearly beyond the competence of even the most adept cartoonist, so our lexicographer has had to retreat into English and French verbal definitions.)

The earnest editors have tried to apply scientific principles in selecting the words for inclusion. These, we are told, come partly from a "word frequency analysis of English usage", and partly from "thematic clustering" — and although there are some inexplicable oddities they do sometimes add some extra spice — just look at *la jarretière*.

There also seems to be no clear concept of how the book should fit in with more formal grammatical activity.

The simple but tiresome business of gender, for example, is flunked from time to time (*les animaux* and *l'eau* are not much help), and although the equivalence between the illustrated main French and English words is made clear, the youthful explorer may find other bits of the text mystifying: "*En avril ne le découvre pas d'un fil!*" is not greatly clarified by the one word "April", and no guide is given anywhere to *découvre*. But these are small blemishes in a book that can be messed about with for hours *sans larmes*.

MAGI PICTURE DICTIONARY
French and English
Edited by René Le Bel et al.
With various illustrators
Magi Publications, £7.95

Q is for *quelle jolie idée*: how to learn French without tears

Frozen speech and poe

Carol Ann Duffy writes gossips rather than poems, but this is not necessarily a bad thing, granted that any poem is some way of freezing speech so that the freezing doesn't show too much and the speech remains real and becomes memorable. At her best, Duffy achieves something interesting in this direction:

Love holds words to itself, repeats them till they're smooth, sit silent on the tongue like a small stone you sucked once, for some reason, on a beach . . .

No accident, I think, that such lines define the process that inspires them. This poet is intelligent, and self-aware, enjoys observing her mind at work, and is amused and dismayed by her own body and the bodies of others. The work in her third collection, **The Other Country**, has a consistent, lively seriousness which would make it remarkable at any time, and a degree of technical accomplishment especially unusual just now. Here are poems which take us to the "other country" — the place important to us in memory, and fantasy, and imagination. What is admirable about Duffy is that she celebrates such places without sentimentalizing them, and wring the last drop of meaning from each visit.

Peter Ackroyd is well-known as a novelist and a biographer, but he began as a poet and there is a sense in which his novels and biographies read like the games of a poet. The verse collected in his book **Diversions of Purley** (*Abacus £4.50*) is very curious and private, a species of talking to oneself.

Land of the rising yawn

CRIME
Barry Fantoni

Practically all crime fiction falls quite neatly into two distinct camps: books in which the crime dominates, and the characters, including the detective, are merely used as the props to provide the clues; and those that place the detective and his lifestyle centre stage, letting the plot more or less take care of itself. Generally, the more adventurous authors write about people and not events, which is as true for crime as well as for mainstream fiction. As Raymond Chandler once said: "If you want to solve a puzzle, do a crossword." One of the many advantages of an author adding flesh to the bones of his or her detective creation is that he or she might reach an audience beyond the often limited market of crime novels. This may lead to increased sales, and at the same time give a boost to the bank balance, and more importantly, the imagination.

Since the raw material of almost all whodunits consists of little more than a corpse, a group of suspects and a detective, crime writers have a tough job. One escape route is to make the private investigator as interesting as possible and pick a colourful background for them to work against. In the best books, dick and location merge into a satisfying whole. Sadly, **A Haiku for Hanae** is not one of them. James Melville clearly loves Japan and knows his subject. But he cannot resist letting us share his recondite knowledge. His Inspector Otani seldom moves without regretting the loss of the *ennichi*, talking about a *kannushi-san* or tucking into a *nabe*. Instead of adding to the flow of the story, Melville's scholarship acts like a row of sleeping policemen. The plot itself is a dull affair about murdered *gaijin*, made more implausible by a lot of supernatural nonsense involving "fire foxes" possessing humans and turning them into demons. The story's only mystery at least the one that grabbed me was the description of a kimono ". . . predominantly a warm-burgundy colour . . ." *Warm* burgundy? Try as I might, I can't think what cold burgundy looks like.

A HAIKU FOR HANAE
By James Melville
Headline, £2.99

SARATOGA BESTIARY
By Stephen Dobyns
Mysterious Press, £3.99

TOXIC SHOCK
By Sara Paretsky
Penguin, £3.99

Saratoga Bestiary is the latest a series of stories author Stephen Dobyns has set in Saratoga. His detective is Charlie Bradshaw, a hard-boiled variety, except on the hard-boiled scale he is a two minute job with a gooey inside. He drinks diet Coke, owns a hotel, and his sense of humour includes lines like, "Charlie took out his wallet. It was pretty light. Each time he opened it he expected moths to fly out." A bit like the jokes.

Charlie has a girlfriend who works as a dental hygienist and, to make his private eye even more interesting, the author lumbers him with a cold. To toughen him up,

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OKS

What Peter Pan likes to read

Anthony Quinton

DON'T TELL THE GROWN-UPS
By Alison Lurie
Bloomsbury, £12.99

Alison Lurie's book about what she describes as "subversive children's literature" starts from an interesting connection of ideas. There is a difference between the books children really like and the books that adults foist on them with various improving intentions. (It is not as sharp a distinction as she makes out; children are not all that unsuggestible, not the prisoners of a rigid system of infantile tastes.) The books children really prefer, she maintains, are those that mock or abuse adults.

The case is made in two preliminary chapters. In the first children are viewed as a kind of resentful, if outwardly conforming, underclass. The people they like to read about are not the nice little girls of Mrs Molesworth and Mrs Ewing, but rebels like Tom Sawyer and the less terroristic Jo of *Little Women*, the "brave, critical, impatient" Alice, the incorrigible Toad of *The Wind in the Willows*. The implied criticism is both intellectual — adults are silly — and moral — they are selfish and sometimes cruel. The genial moral squalor of Toad is hardly in place in this argument, except as an indirect comment on adult ideas about honesty, being sensible and not biting off more than you can chew. There is a lot of difference between rejecting a scheme of moral ideas and, like Toad, taking a moral holiday. Perfectly respectable, monogamous men from time to time exchange obscene jokes and sing dirty songs.

In her second chapter on folktales she calls attention to their tendency to support the disadvantaged against the powers that be. Jack uses cunning and violence to overcome the monstrous parent-figure of the Giant. Cinderella, more of Toad's party, is obsessed with clothes and going to dances.

But from that point on, with 14 more chapters to go, the theme announced in the book's title unravels, only to be adverted to parenthetically now and then. What follows is a set of unrelated studies of writing for children, the by-products of Alison Lurie's job teaching folklore and children's literature at Cornell. One identifies fairy princesses (Nicole Warren in *Tender is the Night*, Jane Eyre, the heroine of Jean Stafford's *Boston Adventure*), and fairy godmothers or wise women (Mrs Wilcox in *Howard's End*, Mrs Ramsay in *To the Lighthouse*) in fiction for adults. Another surveys the quasi-factual books about gnomes, elves, hobbits and so forth that have fed a recent cultural appetite, particularly among American students ("Frodo lives"). A final chapter sums up in a commonsensical fashion, noting the universality and antiquity of children's lore — rhymes, stories, word-games and so on — seeing that lore as an oral culture transmitted by women, who tend to dominate the lives of children.

However, taken for what it really is, a collection of independent essays on a slightly random selection of writers for children, *Don't Tell the Grown-Ups* is interesting about an intrinsically agreeable topic. A gentle feminist strain in the whole compilation expresses itself in the fact that many of the chapters are about women: Kate Greenaway, Lucy Clifford (wife of the gifted philospher-mathematician W.K. Clifford), Beatrix Potter, E. Nesbit, Frances Hodgson Burnett. But men are by no means excluded; there are Ford Madox Ford, J.M. Barrie, A.A Milne, T.H. White, Tolkien, Richard Adams and William Mayne. All of these are British, even Frances Hodgson Burnett, who was born in Manchester, but it must be admitted that she went to America at the age of 15 and became, to all intents and purposes, as her name makes clear, an American. Alison Lurie remarks:

"Why so much great children's literature should have been written in England is still a matter for discussion. Perhaps the phenomenon can be traced back to the Romantic movement and the value put on childhood by writers like Blake and Wordsworth, which suggested to men and women of genius that writing for and about children was a serious and worthy occupation. Even today, this tradition continues, and British authors do not make the sort of apology for their work ('It's only a children's book, of course') that is often heard elsewhere."

Perhaps it is because most English people, like J.M. Barrie and Peter Pan, never really grow up.

For someone professionally concerned with children's literature, Alison Lurie has very little to say about other critical writing in her field. Only Bruno Bettelheim's *Uses of Enchantment* is cited: no mention of Margery Fisher's *Who's Who*, of Humphrey Carpenter's *Secret Gardens*, of J.R. Townsend's *Written for Children*. And she misses some important pieces of primary material, above all Saki's two great anti-adult (or anti-aunt) stories: "The Lumber Room" and "The Story-Teller". These were not written for children, but they have no more loyal audience.

Victorian approach to the fallen woman: police raid a concealed bordello in Glasgow, 1871

Victorian pros and cons

Nicola Murphy

THE MAGDALENES
By Linda Mahood
Routledge, £25

Prostitution reached epidemic proportions as a topic of conversation during the 19th century. Victorians had realized that syphilis was not the result of the intergalactic union of Venus and Mars, as medievalists believed. They also realized that immunity was not secured by living on an island, as James IV insisted. In fact the connection between VD and the sowing of every available wild oat had finally been made. Prostitutes were a problem, and what to do with them was a problem. Eighteenth-century sentences had gone out of fashion: whipping, branding, or being dunked in a lake was out; punishment of the soul came in.

Through detailed examination of Scottish prostitution, Canadian Linda Mahood traces changing views on the prostitute as criminal, as sentimental victim of seduction, and as threatening social deviant. She explores the changing methods — from prison and poorhouse, via Lock Hospital and female penitentiary, to Magdalene's home and police intervention — employed by the middle-class men of the medical profession, the state, and the philanthropic organizations to control the phenomenon.

Ms Mahood focuses on the social and political implications of these actions for working-class women as a group, and addresses in particular the debate on vocation and agency. Did prostitutes do what they did because they were merely oppressed victims, seduced Mary Magdalenes? Or did the fact that they worked without the aid of pimps in brothels run by powerful women rather imply otherwise? To mid-century Victorian men the idea that any woman had control of her own destiny was an alien one; and the idea that she would actually choose to make a living by having sex with men like themselves was repulsive. It could not be true: they had to be victims.

By the latter half of the century, however, a new generation of philanthropists and experts had recognized the part played by choice; as a result the erstwhile victims began to be defined as social deviants. Reform programmes, originally designed to save women from 18th-century criminal justice procedures, now resulted in a massive expansion of interventionist systems. Nets were widened to catch these working-class women with their "dangerous sexuality". In the eyes of the philanthropists, any woman who challenged middle-class gender roles in her dress, her behaviour, and her work in the public sphere was a potential prostitute. And if her eyebrows joined together, and her thumbs bent backwards, so much the better. Just as burning at the stake was deemed the best way to cure witches, so these social deviants were "reformed" by police repression and asylums. The "dangerous" prostitute was given a chance to conform to bourgeois codes of conduct, and a chance to serve her superiors, specifically as a domestic servant, and generally as a useful contributing member of the proletariat. Some took the opportunity. Some didn't.

The majority of this book operates on a socio-political level. Embedded within the academic analysis, however, are some fascinating sexual curiosities, among them a Miss Inglis with bad teeth but "remarkable" specialities, and a Miss Alexander with a "very agreeable squint". Both are described in "Rangers Impartial List of Ladies of Pleasure in Edinburgh". These spicy titbits are regrettably rare, for the whole book is wrapped in a jargon more impenetrable than brown paper. Linda Mahood smothers her subject in academic language, weighs it down with endless repetition of the central propositions; for those readers who are not obliged to prepare a seminar, this slim volume of 166 pages is liable to be pretty indigestible.

A book about the Magdalenes could have broadened public perceptions of women and of prostitutes, have changed views of philanthropy and reform — but this one won't. *The Magdalenes* is a thesis in hard covers. It does not have the feel of a book designed to sell in a bookshop; and it won't.

Pure poetry of Eng. lit.

Michael Wright

EXPLODING ENGLISH
Criticism, Theory, Culture
By Bernard Bergonzi
Oxford, £25

Once upon a time it was the chemistry labs that held the monopoly in curious smells and strange fizzbang-type noises at academic institutions. Recently, however, the prerogative for staging minor explosions has been extended to English faculties all over the country, as dons come to blows and tottering scholars indignantly shake their gowns at the radical critical methods trumpeted by bright young upstarts. Deconstruction, along with other so-called "post-structuralist" methods of literary analysis, is still at large, and the collision of opposing forces puts the study and teaching of English Literature in crisis.

Although any book that attempts to make sense of so chaotic a situation is welcome, there is too much of the Casaubon and not enough of the Ladislaw about this careful study by the Professor of English at Warwick University. Bergonzi's evaluation is historical rather than polemical. Reluctant to reveal his own colours, he prefers to consider the ill-effects of the so-called "rainbow coalition" of post-structuralist theories rather than defend "the venerable category of humanism", which he implicitly supports.

Revealed as a would-be historian in the pleasingly anti-academic "Anecdotal Introduction", he has published fiction and poetry of his own, and laments the dearth of such activities among academics today, for whom the generation of theory has ostensibly replaced "creative" writing (David Lodge is a grand and quoted exception). Elsewhere in the introduction, Bergonzi admits that he is "by nature a sprinter rather than a long-distance runner", and a lack of stamina is indeed evident in the series of short bursts that makes up the book, perhaps an ironic metephor for those lamentable fractures in English Studies.

Before assessing the pioneering critical approaches of F.R. Leavis at Cambridge and of C.S. Lewis at Oxford, Bergonzi steps back to identify the "separate but clearly intertwined" elements that have traditionally comprised the "English Synthesis" (i.e. English as an academic subject), and then goes on to claim that growing tensions within it have led to the dramatic onslaught of *la nouvelle critique* from France. The new critical theories are seen merely as symptoms, rather than the cause, of the impending disaster. One might have thought that *la nouvelle critique* was sufficiently exciting in its radical possibilities for open-minded people to want to learn more about it, but according to Bergonzi, "for as long as the 'English' synthesis was adequately functioning there was no need or place for theory". The word "adequately" squirms as I type it.

English Studies may now be adrift on "a choppy and sometimes tempestuous sea", and universities may not indefinitely be "secure havens" for literary criticism, but this does not lessen the shock-value of Bergonzi's proposed salvation-solution. This would be to allow the theorists and culturalists to drag the novel and drama back to their caverns (which would henceforth be known as "Cultural Studies") and to trust in the lifeboat of Poetry, which with all its "ineffability" might henceforth be studied without the noisy intrusions of philistine post-structuralists. A split in English Studies may be inevitable, but it is surely not this one, which is reminiscent of dream-schemes that would start up perfect communities on the moon to escape an earth that had begun to spin off its axis. Not only would such a split fail to avert a potential explosion in "Cultural Studies", it is a misguided apprehension that poetry is more likely to survive as an academic subject in isolation. Poetry is no more immune to Derrida *et al.* than the novel, even if the latter is presently drawing much of the fire of the theorists.

It is disappointing that Bergonzi has not discussed the external implications of the crisis in English Studies, its effect on the general public, and the alienation of the educated but non-specialist reader. But with a price tag of about three bottles of whisky, his book is clearly targeted at academics (who may be disappointed) rather than the general public (who may drown).

PAPERBACKS

Frozeeech and poetry with a chill

POETRY

Robert Nye

THE OTHER COUNTRY
By Carol Ann Duffy
Anvil Press, £5.95

finger exercises in solipsism. What comes across is Ackroyd's feeling for language, and pauses, and silence; there is also an alarming coldness:

there are so many emotions to get through
that I dream continually of slipping backwards
while the day spins ahead of me like a kite
although its string leads precisely nowhere

The image is furiously exact, but what sort of mind could arrive at it after the deadpan nonsense of considering his "emotions" as things to "get through"? The answer, no doubt, is the mind that came up with *Hawksmoor*, so we may respect the writer's sincerity even if his detachment appals. Of course, Ackroyd may be joking. Some of the poems are post-modernist pastiche in which it would be hard to say where his heart is, or even if he has one. The better poems are sad in probably unintended ways, though this man is so clever you can never be sure.

Valerie Gillies is a decent poet who deserves to be better known outside her native Scotland. The work in The Chanter's Tune (*Canongate, £7.95*) extends the range of her previous lyrical pieces, providing longer meditations which explore myth, topography and history to good effect. I like the way in which these poems are rooted in the elemental world, and although Gillies seems to have difficulty in letting herself go, emotionally and intellectually, there is both intelligence and sensitivity in the way her poems are made. In common with Duffy and Ackroyd, she is driven by a passion to get the poem "right" however awkward the results may sound. In her more successful poems, of course, the craft and the truth are at one, but none of the verse in this book is much below the level of that marriage.

Selected Poems of Vittorio Sereni (*Anvil Press, £5.95*) is the first substantial volume of English translations of the work of Sereni (1913-1983), widely regarded as the finest Italian poet of the generation after Montale. The early work is hermetic and peculiar, using a jerky line to embody difficult states of mind and feeling. The later stuff is more moving in that it broadens out to include a concern for other people, without any sacrifice of intensity. The translations by Marous Perryman and Peter Robinson seem faithful to the way in which Sereni works through fancy to create a nice fugue of insideness and outsideness. There is a good introduction and notes, as well as representative work from all periods of the poet's life. This is uncommonly good value for a paperback.

A three-way bet by the publisher on another racing certainty

THRILLERS

Joseph Connolly

STRAIGHT
By Dick Francis
Michael Joseph, £7.99

The appearance of Dick Francis's 28th novel in a handsome, fairly pricey paperback edition only seven months after hardback publication might puzzle devotees who are used to scooping up the Pan mass market edition a full year on, but the new "C" format is a precursor of things to come. The punter now has a choice of paying around £13 immediately, £8 some months on, or £4 the following Christmas. Three bites for the publishers — a ploy only viable, of course, with top-flight, sure-fire institutions.

This is a wholly absorbing and elegantly written chronicle which unravels the chain of events following the accidental death of Greville Franklin, a gadget-obsessed dealer in semi-precious gemstones. His younger brother (a steeplechase jockey — but naturally — rather more prosaically christened Derek) is the accident-prone narrator. He is on crutches throughout the book due to a racing injury, but nevertheless undergoes a mugging, a coshing and several roughings-up as well as surviving being shot at and a serious car crash. He is in quest of £1½ million-worth of diamonds apparently bought by his brother shortly before his death, and escorts us with style and graceful observation through a maze of puzzles and dead ends. From the outset, he is as in the dark as we are, the tone being set by one of the most seductive opening paragraphs I have read in years: "I inherited my brother's life. Inherited his desk, his business, his gadgets, his enemies, his horses and his mistress. I inherited my brother's life, and it nearly killed me."

Francis fans will love this book: the racing background is there and though this ought to be an impossible contrivance by now, it is handled with effortless ease and so too are the gentle humour and the all-important pace. One detects classy influences: Kingsley Amis (Derek never gets *anyone* on the phone first time), Raymond Chandler ("Fat chance" forms an entire paragraph) and more than a little of Ian Fleming. The seamless result is pure Dick Francis. You can put your shirt on this one — straight.

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gets to use the F word now and again. This is a pity because Dobyns's style is polished enough not to need expletives. When he isn't blowing his nose, Charlie is offered work. Everyone offers him work. By page 97 he's been offered no less than three different jobs: pay the ransom on a stolen painting, pay off a blackmailer, and find the killer of the local grocer. The problem with the plot is none of the jobs Charlie takes on really excites us. The painting, had it been by a great artist and not the imaginary, Voss, might have made us want Charlie to discover who stole it. And the blackmailed client is Charlie's cousin — yes, cousin. I guess that's the trouble setting the story in a small town.

The odd use of expletives gets in the way of Sara Paretsky's Toxic Shock being the ideal gift for your maiden aunt. But liberated women might enjoy the exploits of her female dick, Vic Warshawski. She jogs before breakfast, talks freely about tampons, bras and panty hose, and sings along with Hugo Wolf. The prose style suffers from Ms Paretsky not being able to write a noun without an adjective that is either top-heavy or lazy. Only a page into the book and we've had "spewing foam", "weed-choked yards" and good old "peeling paint". The story suffers from trying too hard to graft a fashionable green issue on to a genre which is at its best when kept free of trends. A friend of Vic suddenly wants to find her long-lost father but what Vic finally discovers is a can of worms involving a chemical recycling plant. There's corruption everywhere and even the Mob get a walk-on part. The Chicago setting is well done, if a little sparse, but when Vic gets worked up about mud stains on her legs I couldn't help wondering if she was in the right job. A book long on detail, short on laughs.

An enigma in black and white

Brian Morton

NATIVE SON

By Richard Wright
Picador, £6.99

Published in 1940, *Native Son* has ever since been a kind of sticking place for black American writers and critics. The black nationalist radicals of the 1960s, admiring the moral ferocity of Wright's tale of a young black murderer, believed that his nerve had failed and echoed the novelist's own fears that he was merely repeating white racist stereotypes, unrelieved by a more affirmatively upbeat conclusion. By contrast, James Baldwin deplored the fact that Wright's powerful example had left the black American novel hog-tied by "protest", unable to move out of an artistic ghetto.

Native Son is a curiously airless novel, and much out of shape. The real drama is over within 90 pages. The remainder sprawls hopelessly. However, the "problem" of *Native Son* lies less in the political and philosophical lecturing and attitudinizing that so much worried Wright's radical heirs, as in the dramatic opening chapter. Bigger Thomas, like Wright a black youth from the south translated to Chicago, is taken on by the Dalton family as a driver and odd-job man. He is condescendingly treated as an "equal" by his employer's daughter Mary and her Communist friends. Surprised by Mrs Dalton in Mary's bedroom, and in a panic born of Mississippi, he smothers the girl with a pillow. The murder is rendered so ambiguously as to resist any clear explanation, though it is clearly intended to recall Othello's killing of Desdemona, a perfect white icon of black violence. Mary is dead drunk and flirtatious; Mrs Dalton is (literally) blind; it is unclear whether the act itself is accidental, a gesture of racial revenge or sexual envy, or a meaningless *acte gratuit*.

That is the central problem of the novel. There is no single explanation of Bigger's act. The first "sociological" contrast between the rat-infested Thomas home and the Dalton house is too crude; the Marxist responses of Mary's friends and of Bigger's white lawyer Max take little account of the realities of the boy's life. Bigger's own summation — "I didn't want to kill, but what I killed for, I am" — is too philosophically pat and enigmatic.

Richard Wright's interest in existentialism has been somewhat exaggerated and read out of context, as has his commitment to doctrinaire Marxism; both were in place long before he made formal ties with either; his underrated first novel *Lawd Today* is an authentic existentialist text *and* a convincing portrayal of southern blacks in a northern city. However, at the end of the war, Wright emigrated to France, where he was greeted with typical Gallic condescension as a "natural" existential hero. He went on to write a book called *The Outsider* and, to cement the link, died in 1960, within a year of Albert Camus.

There was still too much of Uncle Tom in Bigger Thomas for the black nationalists, and too many rough artistic edges for Baldwin. What neither seemed to understand was how much *Native Son* was of its time. In his essay, Wright makes it clear that the boy was a "product of a dislocated society, a dispossessed and disinherited man", and a composite of any number of disaffected Biggers. In 1940, the only large terms available for understanding the movements of society in the mass were communism and fascism, both of them practically and morally redundant, inapplicable to America's most peculiar institution. Wright was casting about for a way of reconciling his acquired political optimism with his experience and of purging some of the "shame and fear" he felt in looking back at that experience.

Native Son is one of the great American novels precisely because it is so difficult. It stands alongside Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy* as a rare glimpse into the forces that propel a complex society. Without its problematic example, black masterpieces like Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* and Baldwin's own, equally courageous *Another Country* could not have been conceived.

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O MY BELOVED FATHER Gianni Schicci
Mascagni: INTERMEZZO Cavalleria Rusticana
Leoncavallo: ON WITH THE MOTLEY Pagliacci
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Tue 29 May 7.30	**ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Vladimir Ashkenazy (cond) Radu Lupu (piano) Weber Overture, Euryanthe. Mozart Piano Concerto K. 491. Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4 £20, £17, £15, £12, £10, £7, £4.50 RPO Ltd
Thu 31 May 7.30	**BBC WELSH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Richard Hickox (conductor) Howard Shelley (piano) Rossini Overture, Semiramide. Gershwin Piano Concerto Walton Symphony No. 1 £15, £12.50, £10, £7.50, £4 BBC
Fri 1 June 7.30	In the presence of HRH The Duchess of Kent **SAMARITANS GALA** Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra, Serge Baudo (cond) David Johnston (ten) Pro Musica Chorus, London Choral Society Berlioz Grande Messe des Morts. £12, £10, £8.50, £7.50, £5 (ONLY) The Samaritans

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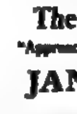

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ARTS

Press gang wreaks ideological havoc

TELEVISION

THE story of the *Daily Worker*, now the *Morning Star*, is in its own muddled and curious way a bleakly comic history of Anglo-Soviet relations across the last 60 years, and the real disappointment of Beatrix Campbell's painstaking, plodding account for *Arena* on BBC 2 last night was that it proved almost as blinkered, humourless and uncertain in its aims as the paper itself.

This was the television equivalent of a cuttings job, when what we needed was a political column with the acerbic intensity and wit of a *What the Papers Say* special. Founded in 1930, a mere decade after Lenin had told the British comrades to organize a socialist press, the early editions were put together with all the chaotic fervour of a group of Ealing comedians setting out to forge a passport to Pimlico. Widely admired for its racing tips and brilliant at organizing fund-raising teas, the *Daily Worker* was the parish paper of a special-interest group which often seemed to have more in common with young Liberals than with the Stalinist policies of its early years.

The problem was, of course, that what the *Daily Worker* meant by communism had very little to do with slave labour camps or the sudden death of people in a far-off country of which the journalists seemed to know almost as little as their readers. When it came to arranging anti-Mosley demonstrations or opening tube stations as air-raid shelters, the *Daily Worker* did well, but that had very little to do with communism.

One of the *Worker's* earliest difficulties was that precious few good journalists wanted to write for it: true, Nina Hibbin is still one of the most distinguished of film critics, but even Claud Cockburn always used a pseudonym — for reasons which, characteristically, this programme failed to explore.

When they finally began to receive good stories from Hungary and Czechoslovakia after the war, the *Worker's* editors were ideologically unable to print them.

Never supported by any proprietorial or Moscow gold, the *Worker* was, in its way, a perfect microcosm of a communist society — run by its workers for its workers — but it was always fatally flawed by internal dissent. The few journalists who wanted a good specialist newspaper were usually outnumbered by those who felt they would sleep easier in their beds when communist tanks rolled down the Farringdon Road. That, as one of the former journalists sadly noted, has never been a great formula for success at the great British corner shop.

The *Worker* was often as unwritable as it was unreadable, and it was regularly as guilty of censorship and bias as any of the more established papers that it attacked. The behaviour of the Conservative press in trying to appease Hitler was no more reprehensible than the *Daily Worker's* determination not to print details of Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin 20 years later.

When not drifting into a different history of the Cable Street riots, Campbell's programme did locate some splendid survivors of the old struggles — including Kay Beauchamp, who went to Holloway rather than pay fines for illicit publishing. But so far from being the danger to our way of life that *The Times* saw in 1930, the *Worker*, after a brief post-war heyday, became instead a monument to communist chaos.

The final irony is that the post-*glasnost* Soviet Union of Gorbachov has cancelled half its subscriptions to the paper. If the *Morning Star* is to survive, which looks doubtful, it might have to start printing readable articles. Which would not have been a bad idea in 1930.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

Warming to a global cause

Tonight's musical climax to the BBC's *One World* week comprises 64 acts from four continents, as Steve Turner reports

Described as a "global symphony" by its producers, *One World, One Voice* is a unique experiment in world music put together for this week's environmental week on BBC television and shared by eight European broadcasting companies.

What started as a brief and basic rhythm track by the rock musician Sting, recorded in New York at the end of February, has since been fattened into a 60-minute piece of music by 64 acts from four continents.

"After Sting started it off, we added some New York rappers and some great guitar from Steve Stevens," says Andy Ward, the producer of the programme. "Then we came back to England and Peter Gabriel extended it with a piece which had Geoffrey Oryema singing on top of it in Swahili. Then we went to Dublin and added Clannad."

The final list of contributors includes well-known Western rock stars such as Pink Floyd's Dave Gilmour and Dave Stewart of Eurythmics, alongside acts such as Japan's Kodo Drummers, vocalist Salif Keita from Mali and the Leningrad Symphony Orchestra.

The result, as everyone involved is aware, could be a cacophony or a work of beauty and harmony that will be viewed as a landmark recording.

The idea initially came from Kevin Godley, a rock drummer (10cc, Godley & Creme) now making videos and commercials, who suggested "a musical chain letter" as the music contribution to the *One World* week, rather than the Live-Aid-style concert which had been planned.

This meant taking a film crew and recording equipment on a 45,000-mile journey around the world and asking local musicians to overdub the material collected or to extend it.

Recording venues ranged from the comfort of Nomis studios in West London to a Harlem apartment squeezed full of gospel singers, a deserted chapel in Brazil, a Hindu temple in California, Venice Beach and a snake garden in Africa.

Music producer Rupert Hine says the project, which had to be recorded in 62 days on equipment varying from portable stereo DAT machines to 32-track digital machines, was the most demanding of his career.

"I've produced over 70 albums, but have used more psychology on this one than all the others put together," says the man more accustomed to making Stevie Nicks or Bob Geldof feel at home in the studio. "Usually you can establish an approach to musicians for an album which takes three months to prepare, but with this I had to change my approach twice a day. It was like undergoing an intensive course in people management."

Hine claims that editorial interference has been minimal: his aim was simply to create a situation where the musicians felt comfortable to be themselves. Not one of the 292 musicians involved was ever stuck for an idea.

"What I wanted to achieve was the first piece of true world music," he says. "I wanted each of the acts to retain its own identity and yet for them all to respond to each other and to harmonize. I think we've achieved remarkably cohesive sounds."

Today's two-hour television programme, eventually to be seen by an audience estimated at half a billion, will start with film of the journey to collect the music and end with the performance synchronized to pop promo-style footage shot by Kevin Godley.

Three days after transmission, Virgin will have an album in the stores, the quickest turnaround in British record history. Singles are being considered of sections involving Dave Stewart and Eddy Grant.

"First and foremost, it's a television programme," says Andy Ward, "but we brought Rupert Hine in to ensure that it was recorded to the sort of standard required by CD.

Albums will extend the environmental message and all profits will be distributed to a range of charities chosen by the artists themselves."

● One World, One Voice *will be screened by BBC2 at 8.20pm.*

Kevin Godley (left) and Sting contribute to a musical chain letter, a truly international effort

DONALD COOPER

Looking the part: John Graham-Hall in *Albert Herring*

OPERA

Albert Herring
Glyndebourne

LIKE the British film comedies of the same immediate post-war period, *Albert Herring* provides a reassuring picture of a national myth: in this case the market town where everyone knows and loves everyone else, where the sun always shines on May Day, and where the authority of the vicar, mayor, schoolteacher, police, and local aristocracy can be ridiculed but not seriously threatened.

The special curiosity of the piece, though, is that Britten's music lavishes on it a measure of imagination, wit, and sophistication far beyond what it might seem to deserve. The same abundance of care has always distinguished the current Glyndebourne production.

The present revival is again full of charm and inventive detail. John Gunter's sets look as bright as they did five years ago: sepia photographs of Edwardian England that have suddenly sprung into full colour and three dimensions. Within them, Peter Hall's production has been directed by Stephen Lawless, with faithfulness to the original vibrant character, happiness, and bustle.

The same qualities are brought out in Graeme Jenkins' direction of soloists from the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the almost excessively brilliant score.

Once more the cast is led by John Graham-Hall, who shows no sign of becoming fed up with a role he has sung so often. On the contrary, he seems to be finding new possibilities of variety, from the beautiful cooing lyricism of Albert's half-formed yearnings, to his rampant boisterousness in the last act, all within a character defined vocally by an engaging naivety of utterance and blank-faced white tone. Of course, it helps that he looks the part so well, shuffling awkwardly in his tallness, until the final act when suddenly he has grown into his physique.

Other members of the cast are also unreservedly excellent. Pauline Tinsley as Lady Billows wields her voice to decisive, scalding effect; Elizabeth Gale is the radiant dreamy schoolmistress. Susan Bickley as the housekeeper, and Patricia Kern as Albert's mother offer ladies of vocal ampleness and character.

As before, Alan Opie and Jean Rigby are delightful and sensual as Sid and Nancy: Rigby makes Nancy's blues one of the outstanding vocal pleasures of the evening, and both of them take full advantage of what is Britten's most affectionate and least-complicated love music.

Richard Van Allan repeats his Superintendent Budd, a man of few words, but all of them gravely, beautifully sung. There are also two newcomers to the team who fit in perfectly: a lively mayor from Peter Bronder and a properly unctuous vicar from Andrew Shore.

On another matter, Robin Holloway has pointed out to me an important error in my review of his *Clarissa*. The D minor interlude in Berg's opera comes after Wozzeck's death, not Marie's. My apologies.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

DANCE

Signature
Theatre Royal, Brighton

THIS new work by Siobhan Davies, which Rambert Dance company premiered for the Brighton Festival on Thursday, is visually and aurally striking; so much so that the dancing risks getting lost amid the other aspects.

Kate Whiteford, a Scottish artist making her first designs for dance, has dressed the 10 dancers in red or green, or both. They are first seen posed in what could almost be a circus ring, but as the lighting changes, so does the appearance of the space. It is further modified later by lowering, in turn, a vertically patterned backcloth, and a gauze with two chevrons painted on it.

Chevron, as it happens, is the title of the music which was specially written by Kevin Volans, although the ballet, confusingly, has a separate title, *Signature*. Neither of these names offers a clue to the creators' intention.

The music proceeds by short clusters of sound, initially with a slow impetus like a double grunting sound, eventually reaching a quicker but still brief rhythm, a little like hunting calls. The choreography echoes this in movements which also form short clusters of sharp intensity, with recurring motifs which include little springy steps, or a buoyant recovery after reclining on the ground. It could be seen as abstract patterns, related to the formal patterns of music and visual design, but Davies surely intends more than this.

There is an impression of supportiveness as one dancer leans on another, or puts out a hand to help a colleague forward. At the beginning, too, comes a recapitulation of an enigmatic gesture from one of her recent works, a hand weaving sinuously round the dancer's own face.

With greater familiarity, clues like these may unlock the secret of *Signatures*. For now, it seems intriguing, interesting, pleasing, but somewhat puzzling too.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THEATRE

Wild Justice
Theatre Royal, Stratford East

THE contrast between the nice, clean, geometrically sharp-edged sets and the ungovernable emotions pole-axing the main characters increases the shock. It calls to mind the rage and disbelief that the sun dares go on shining when someone passionately loved is killed. Especially a child. At the foot of that so very ordinary flight of steps in a precinct, a boy's head has been shot away by a hooded gunman. The mother clutches what remains of her son, and the father, a genial teacher, is brought the news in his classroom.

Barrie Keeffe calls his play a thriller: but it is infinitely more impressive than a straight whodunnit. In following the father's unswerving hunt for the killer, vowing to pay him back in kind, Keeffe demonstrates how revenge — Bacon's "wild justice" — destroys the revenger.

At first the mother, Jane, appears to be the one most stricken. Compulsively tidying away her dead boy's teddy bears, admitting and denying his death with successive breaths, there seems no remedy for such grief. But Keeffe persuades us that these responses *are* the remedy. Anita Dobson has never before, to my knowledge, brought such power or conviction to a role. In Jane's forced re-enactment of the moments before the murder, dragged to the precinct by her deranged husband, the terror, disgust and bizarre physical associations shout emotional truth. This scene left me shuddering.

Karl Howman's role as Frank, the husband, does not provide him with an equivalent scene of sustained outburst. Instead, the entire play is his long scene of attempted self-control, skidding off the knife-edge of rationality, hauling himself back with a desperate joke. Frank's cocky appearance at an interview for promotion, wearing overcoat and pyjamas, is grim, comic, and bitterly sad, and Howman's sureness of touch is excellent.

So, too, is the cast of policeman, priest, crooks and colleagues. Philip Hedley's strong direction makes intelligent use of the revolve to keep the action unbroken. He also uses follow spots to give Frank's head a halo, identifying him as he finally sees himself, a spooked martyr to obsession.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Fall
Rose Theatre

THREE sisters gather to attend their father's passing. The setting is a leafy summer garden in suburbia (attractively painted by Ron Hollis). Nothing much occurs to disturb its tranquillity; no shock revelations or tear-jerking pathos. James Saunders' play deals in ripples, not splashes. But the water he stirs, however gently, has depth, and there is fascination, if one is patient.

A detached narrator, Fox, frees the sisters from expository duty and allows their talk an easy familiarity. Anthony Sergeant gives him such sardonic and feral presence that it is a pity he does not break in to the action.

The sisters are beautifully contrasted: Helen, subtly played by Abi Rayment, runs a hostel for drop-outs and feels responsible for everyone. The main object of her concern, both sympathetic and obnoxious, is her youngest sister Ann, pregnant by a flighty lover. Sarah Ward's vibrant, sensual portrayal conveys all the happy-go-lucky hedonism of the youngest child. As the middle sister Kate, dabbler in a smorgasbord of cults and therapies, Kate Valentine constructs a *ménage à trois* of honesty and muddle. Their mother, Mary (Nancy Ellen), seems curiously distant, even when on stage.

The best part both of the play and the direction (by Robin Brockman), is the close observation of sibling interaction. Spitting quarrels dissolve into giggles; grown-up discussions degenerate into childish petulance.

This is also a play which, in its conversational way, airs big themes: birth and death; freedom and determinism. But Saunders does not preach or hector — merely stirs, gently, intelligently.

HARRY EYRES

RECORDS

Early days

JAZZ

Clive Davis

The Harper Brothers: Remembrance – Live At The Village Vanguard (Verve 841723)
Cannonball Adderley Quintet: Cannonball In Japan (Capitol CDP7-93560)
Max Roach/Dizzy Gillespie: Max + Diz – Paris 1989 (two compact discs) (A&MC D6404)
Tommy Smith: Peeping Tom (Blue Note BLT-1002)
Tommy Chase Band: Rebel Fire (Moles Records MRIL-002)

DAVID REDFERN

Consistent soul-jazz formula: Cannonball and Adderly

Art music or entertainment? The debate about the future of American jazz seems to have been one-way traffic over the last decade. Almost everywhere you look, the view is the same: studios full of sophisticated conservatory graduates devoted to the notion that jazz must be approached with the solemnity associated with classical music. With one or two exceptions, their records have turned out to be responsible, ultra-sophisticated and, in the long run, extremely dull.

It would be nice to think that the Harper brothers – drummer Winard and trumpeter Philip – can escape that fate. Although their sleeve notes and magazine interviews have been full of the usual references to "the tradition", their performances have some of the gut-bucket excitement of the real thing.

These are still early days for their quintet. One of the striking aspects of *Remembrance* is that the strongest performances come on cover versions – Bobby Wellins's "CB" and Horace Silver's surging "Kiss Me Right" being the best of all.

Alto saxophonist Justin Robinson is still growing along the lines of Jackie McLean. Pianist Stephen Scott – another brilliant member of the Carter trio – looks more and more promising, though his piece "Keynote Doctrine" is full of the bad old scholastic tendencies.

The group will know that it has finally arrived when it comes up with original melodies as solid as "Work Song" or "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy", the two opening tunes on Cannonball Adderley's Tokyo concert. Recorded in August 1966, the album has previously only been available in Japan.

Adderley's soul-jazz formula was remarkably consistent, and tended to come across at its sharpest on live albums. Reworked for the umpteenth time, Bobby Timmons's gospel-flavoured "This Here" sounds close enough to the original live version on *The Cannonball Adderley Quintet* in San Francisco, recorded way back in 1959.

Consistency has not exactly been a hallmark of Dizzy Gillespie's recent live concerts: it is hard to play the role of trumpet virtuoso when you are in your seventies. The good news about *Max + Dizzy* is that Gillespie is in unusually sound form, especially as these are demanding duet performances which expose any cracked notes. Taped at Paris's Banlieues Bleues festival last March, the concert simply allows the two veterans to go about their business. The bad news is that the project is allowed to extend to more than 20 tracks, sprawling across two compact discs, with the dubious bonus of a 30-minute interview with the two men.

The argument over the true direction for jazz resurfaces on the releases by Tommy Smith and Tommy Chase, two home-grown leaders who, apart from their Christian names, have absolutely nothing in common. Smith is by far the more fashionable of the two. Schooled at Berklee and recruited to the Gary Burton quintet at only 18, he is an impeccable tenor saxophonist of the austere Jan Garbarek stripe.

He is still, however, at the apprentice stage. *Step By Step*, his Blue Note début last year, deserved attention mainly for the presence of big names such as John Scofield and Jack DeJohnette. *Peeping Tom* evokes a will-o'-the-wisp, ECM-like atmosphere, but the themes and the group playing lack the substance needed to engage the listener for more than minutes at a time.

Chase, on the other hand, specializes in uncomplicated riffs with no pretensions other than coaxing people on to the dance floor. Replacing the piano with the Hammond organ – played by Gary Baldwin – gives the band a hint of Jimmy Smith gospel, while Chase clatters along behind the drum kit. The whole recipe is brash, occasionally crude, with some wobbly rhythm work in places. Yet if I was forced to choose between the two, Chase's *joie de vivre* would win my vote.

Subtle distinction

CLASSICAL

Paul Griffiths

Intabulation and Improvisation in the 14th Century: Ensemble Super Librum (Sonclair JB 128836)
Ars magis subtiliter: Ensemble PAN (New Albion NA 021)
Agricola: Chansons: Ferrara Ensemble (Deutsche Harmonia Mundi/BMG GD 77038)

There are links here of repertory and personnel: Super Librum and PAN (Project Ars Nova) each chooses one of Machaut's big four-part ballades as a central item; Crawford Young is the lutenist for both PAN and the Ferrara Ensemble; and Susanne Norin, the vocalist of Super Librum, also lends her natively clear and unaffected singing to the Agricola disc.

Despite these knots, though, the three strands are strongly differentiated. Part of the charm of Super Librum's record comes from their scholarly dedication and austerity. Norin is joined by just two instrumentalists on portative organs and recorders, and though the playing is virtuoso, it also conveys a sense of diffidence: these are not performances so much as possible responses to the sources, responses which could be different, and which go all the way from rendering the text, through improvising around it, to straight composition in medieval style.

The restraint and the fluidity are very appealing, and the record is dominated by a beautifully simple performance of the Machaut ballade "De toutes flours", given with the singer on the lowest and slowest line, so that her limpidity is not compromised. Also included is a group of Italian songs, a four-minute mass, and a Pärt-like medieval-modern Amen with which the musicians sign off.

By contrast PAN are, though not wilfully, sensuous. The palette is richer, with three singers and an ensemble based on lute and bowed strings; the musicianship is altogether suaver; and the music comes mostly from later in the 14th century, setting Machaut (a very beguiling performance of "Quant Theseus") in the context of diverse subsequent extensions into rhythmic complexity, smoothness of line and harmony.

Alexander Agricola belongs a century later, and his songs have a Renaissance vividness and clarity (in terms, for instance, of harmony, and of imitation between parts) coupled with some inheritance from the long lines of Ockeghem. Crawford Young's comparison with Bosch seems rather strained, since any bizarreness in Agricola's fabric is quickly sorted out, and since the main themes are the joys and pains of love. But this is a lively selection of songs and instrumental arrangements.

CLASSICAL UPDATE

Hindemith: Weber Metamorphoses, Mathis Symphony Bamberg SO/Rickenbacher (Virgin VC 7 91055-2)
Positive, if not altogether polished, performances of two of Hindemith's most colourful scores, plus the overture to his opera *Neues von Tage*.

Schoenberg: Five Orchestral Pieces, Webern: Six Orchestral Pieces, Berg: Lulu Suite Augér, CBSO/Rattle (EMI CDC 7 49857 2)
A stunner. Rattle and the astonishing Birmingham orchestra make Schoenberg and Webern sound as ferociously dramatic as Berg, and Berg himself is intensified to the same degree.

Wagner: Das Rheingold Soloists, Bavarian RSO/Haitink (EMI CDS 7 49853 2) (two CDs)
Fitfully marvellous. James Morris's Wotan is oustandingly authoritative, natural and beautiful; Theo Adam puts his all into a lusty Alberich; Haitink is spacious, and sometimes suddenly engaged.

JAZZ UPDATE

Eddie Daniels: Nepenthe (GRP 9607-2)
Daniels's virtuoso clarinet is given the glossy GRP fusion treatment. The album title refers to a mythical Egyptian narcotic, but there is nothing sleep-inducing about the elegant improvisation on "Sun Dance" or "Equinox".

Randy Weston: Portraits Of Duke Ellington (Verve 841312)
Monk-influenced interpretations of six Ellington originals, from "Caravan" to "Chromatic Love Affair". Eric Asante's African percussion lends an exotic air to Weston's trio.

ROCK UPDATE

Marianne Faithfull: Blazing Away (Island 260 604)
Recorded live in New York last November; runs the gamut from slow ("Ballad of Lucy Jordan", "Strange Weather") to funereal ("Working Class Hero", "Sister Morphine").

Bruce Dickinson: Tattooed Millionaire (EMI EMC 3574)
Capable extra-curricular solo début by the Iron Maiden vocalist. Generally more melodic than Maiden, with a distinct AC/DC flavour in places.

A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

Part 31 of **David Sinclair**'s collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops, to form an instant guide to the hits and misses of rock history.

LED ZEPPELIN

An aloof Goliath among rock groups, Led Zeppelin replaced the fading hippie ideals of peace and love with darker shades of mysticism and rampant sexual braggadocio, becoming in the process reluctant harbingers of the Heavy Metal genre. The essence of their awesomely muscular formula was established on **Led Zeppelin** (1969) where a souped up version of Willie Dixon's divine slow blues "I Can't Quit You Baby" rubs shoulders with the proto-thrash of "Communication Breakdown". On **Led Zeppelin II** (1969) the combination of Jimmy Page's pulverizing riffs, John Bonham's primeval backbeat and Robert Plant's penile shriek is moulded to rough-hewn perfection on "Whole Lotta Love" and the notorious "The Lemon Song". The untitled fourth album (1971) houses the elegiac masterpiece "Stairway To Heaven", the group's most celebrated song, never released as a single. **Physical Graffiti** (1975) and **Presence** (1976) are also of special note in a recorded legacy of consistently outstanding excellence.

Slick: Mark King

LEVEL 42

Revered among the shadowy fraternity of "serious" musicians for their technical expertise, and adored by a great mass of soft-core pop fans for their shopping mall soul melodies, the foundations of Level 42's success seem to be as unshakeable as they are unlikely. From their beginnings as an instrumental jazz-rock band, they first gained access to the charts via the disco dance-floor, but the hyperactively thumb-thwacking bassist Mark King had developed a slick line in vocal appliqué by the time **World Machine** (1985), with its hits "Something About You" and "Leaving Me Now", established them as a top flight presence in boutiques, restaurants and concert halls around the world. They followed this with the equally inescapable **Running In The Family** (1987), which produced further chart singles in "To Be With You Again", "Lessons In Love", and the title track. Always expertly performed and produced, Level 42's distinctive brand of commercial pop-funk is the kind of sweet you can eat between meals without denting your appetite.

NEXT WEEK: Bob Marley, Joni Mitchell

BRIDGE

Per Olof Sundelin of Stockholm suffered mightily in the Omar Sharif Individual in Atlantic City two weeks ago. His partner of the moment, Peter Pender of Philadelphia, pulled the wrong card against the winner, Zia Mahmood, relegating "P. O." to third place instead of first. But life was not all pain and sorrow.

Dealer East. East-West vulnerable.

North: ♠ A 5 4 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ – ♣ K J 8 6 4 3 2
West: ♠ J 8 2 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ A 9 8 7 5 4 ♣ 7
East: ♠ – ♥ A 10 6 5 4 ♦ K Q 3 2 ♣ A 10 9 5
South: ♠ K Q 10 9 7 6 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ Q

W	N	E	S
		1♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	No	No
No			

Opening lead: ♠7

Sundelin as South was allowed to settle in four spades when his opponents could have made a slam in diamonds. With K-9-x in opener's suit, West, playing 5-card majors, was happy to support this suit straight away, the huge diamond fit never coming to light. Even so, East should surely have forced the bidding to the five level.

At four spades Sundelin had an easy ride when West led a club and East elected to return the suit. Sundelin ruffed with the king of spades, continued with the queen, led the 10 to pick up West's jack, and made 12 tricks. Five of his losers went away on the clubs and another was ruffed with dummy's long trump.

The key to this hand was dummy's long trump, which could have been removed by a diamond return at the second trick, forcing a ruff.

Try making even *ten* tricks against the return of a diamond!

Sidney Lazard of New Orleans is a fine player who has won major championships during each of the past four decades. He came fourth in the tournament and would have been second, had he made his contract on this deal.

Dealer North. Both vul.

North: ♠ A ♥ 8 6 3 2 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ A K 10 5 2
West: ♠ K J 10 7 2 ♥ A J 10 9 5 ♦ 6 ♣ J 9
East: ♠ Q 6 4 ♥ 7 4 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ Q 7 6 4 3
South: ♠ 9 8 5 3 ♥ K Q ♦ K Q J 8 5 3 ♣ 8

W	N	E	S
	No	No	3♠
Dble	5♠	Dble	No
No	No		

Opening lead: ♥A

West led the ace of hearts and continued with the 9, East echoing with the 7-4. Lazard saw that two spade ruffs would give him game, as another spade would go on a club.

The danger was that East might overruff the dummy in spades, or West might overruff declarer as he tried to come to hand to lead spades.

Thus, South would twice have to enter his hand by ruffing hearts or clubs, and the crucial question was which. For his double of three diamonds, West was expected to hold length in the major suits.

In play Lazard cashed the black-suit winners and led a heart from dummy, ruffing low. East, however, discarded a spade on this trick, and now the contract could not be made. Lazard was able to ruff one spade in dummy, but on the next round East was poised to overruff.

Suppose that instead of ruffing a heart, South ruffs a club with the 8 of trumps. Then he ruffs a spade and leads another club from dummy, ruffing this time with the jack.

South's last spade is ruffed and dummy's remaining trump, the 9, is led. If not covered, it is allowed to run. The contract is made when East has the A-10-2 or A-10 bare of trumps.

The contract fails if East has A-10-6, for he covers the 9 with the 10. South wins with the queen but is left with K-5-3 against East's A-6.

This line of play is far from clear cut. South might instead ruff the first club with a low trump, which fails here but works when West's singleton trump is the 2, and also when he has three clubs.

Is there a future for open Individual events with big cash prizes? This one was sanctioned by the ACBL and run by respected officials. Betting was prohibited and only well-known bidding conventions allowed.

Anything that helps close the gulf between the top performers and a bridge public turned off by impenetrable bidding methods is welcome. But until someone finds a way to present bridge more effectively on television, sponsors will be hard to find.

To be worthwhile to casino managements, the cost of offering facilities for a bridge tournament must be recouped from extra receipts at the gaming tables.

Albert Dormer

CHESS

The traditional date given for the origination of chess is AD 500. I disagree with this. My research indicates that we must place it much earlier.

The modern game of chess, with the sweeping power of the queen and bishop and the ability to castle, became popular in the 1470s. By the end of the century, aided immeasurably by the domination of world communications exercised by the Spanish Empire (where the new form of chess found its origins), the new chess had virtually swept away the older slower Muslim variety. Nevertheless, even with the vast improvement in means of travel and the advent of printing, which was to take place in the post-Medieval world, there was still to be a gap of three centuries between the introduction of chess as we know it in the Renaissance and the arrival of the first master of the modern game, the Frenchman, Philidor, in the mid-18th century.

One overriding reason why AD 500 must be rejected for the "invention" of chess is that by the 8th and 9th centuries the Baghdad Caliphate could boast several players, whose relative strength in the Arabic form of the game, known as shatranj, was comparable to that of Philidor in the modern game. The Baghdad Caliphate saw the golden age of shatranj. It was recognizably chess, even though the powers of the queen and bishop were restricted in comparison with the modern game. Shatranj Grandmasters proliferated in the capital, and openings and endgame theory was widely publicized in manuscript form, some of which has survived to the present day. The origins of chess must considerably predate AD 500, for it is inconceivable that such enormous expertise and such a rich chess culture, as existed in Baghdad in the 8th century, could have been developed by then if chess had existed just 200 years previously. For this practical reason, one invariably underestimated or ignored by historians, we must search back to 300 BC for the roots of shatranj, the Muslim game, and ultimately modern chess.

Aristotle, at one time the tutor of Alexander the Great, mentions in his *Politics* a group of classical Greek games collectively known as Petteia. These were games of a battle type which demanded skill, logic and pure reason, not just the fortune associated with the throw of dice. They are also mentioned by Plato in *The Republic*, where he compares Socrates's victims, who are finally cornered and made helpless by dialectic, to "Weak Petteia players, who are finally cornered and rendered unable to move, by stronger ones". Around 330 BC, Alexander the Great invaded Persia and marched on towards Asia Minor and India. En route he founded Hellenic colonies in which, the Greeks, assuming they were good students of Plato and Aristotle, would have played Petteia. Hellenic influence in these regions would have been considerable.

Chaturanga, a battle game using dice, was played in India at that time. Its Sanskrit name, meaning "four divisions", was also used for the Indian army, elephants, chariots, cavalry and infantry. "Chaturanga" as a word looks alien, but becomes more familiar if one compares "four" in Latin or Russian.

In India, along the invasion route of Alexander the Great, in the centuries after the establishment of Hellenic colonies, Chaturanga, the Indian war game of chance, met Petteia, the Greek game of reason. The effect of Petteia on Chaturanga was to eliminate the dice element and throw the players on their own resources of the mind. From this meeting, from this collision of cultures, chess, Greek thought expressed in Indian language, was born.

● Chess – An Illustrated History *by Raymond Keene (Phaidon, £17.95) was published last week.*

WINNING MOVE

White to play wins.

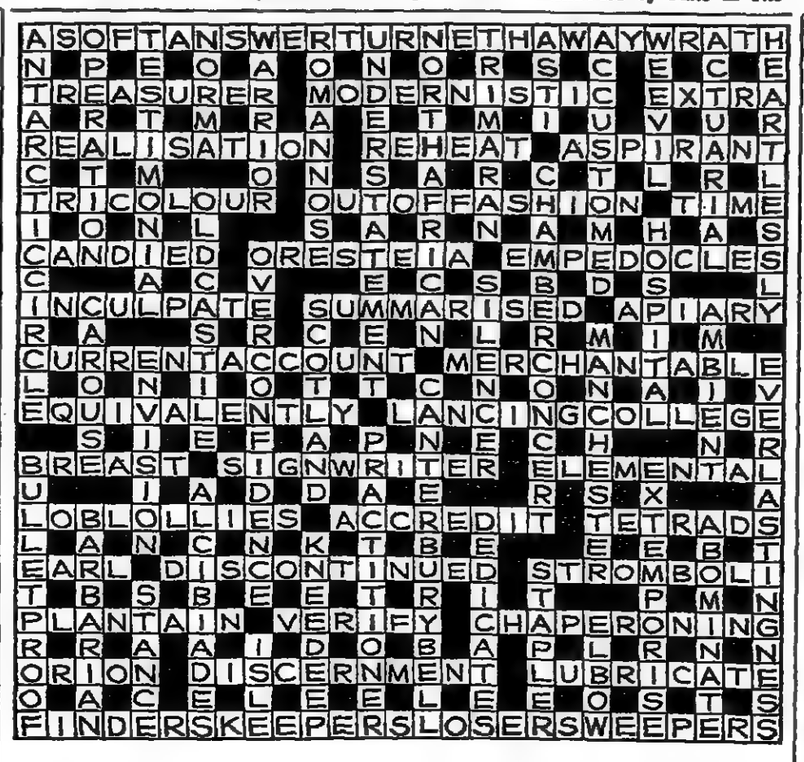
Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times* Winning Move Competition, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a *Times* wallet-sized personal chess computer. The winning move will be printed in *The Times* next Saturday.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1...Ra1+ 2 Kg2 Rg1+ 3 Kxg1 Qe1+ 4 Kg2 Qf1+ 5 Kxf1 Bh3+ 6 Kg1 Re1 mate.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: Qf8+

The three winners of The Times personal chess computers are: T. Chambers, Hayton, Retford, Nottinghamshire; Barry Piper, London N9; Judy Bird, Gaimsborough, Leicestershire

Raymond Keene



Here is the solution to the Jumbo crossword competition published on Saturday May 5. The five prize winners, who each receive £50, are Pamela Maltby, Summerwood Road, Isleworth, Middlesex; John McEwan, Monmouth Road, Wallasey, Merseyside; Dick Bird, Gloucester Avenue, north-west London, Mr M. Tyre, Clamps Grove, East Kilbride, and Dr R. C. Atree, The Cherries, Main Road, Higher Kinnerton, Near Chester, Clwyd

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GARDENING

GARDEN NEWS

THERE had been concern that the important collection of gardening tools, ornaments and artefacts which belonged to the late Lord McAlpine of West Green, Hampshire, would go out of the country when they were auctioned 10 days ago.

Many such items have already gone abroad, to institutions and private collectors. Partly because of the current appeal of garden goods, and partly thanks to the *bruit* preceding it, the sale was well attended and prices were several times higher than predicted.

But a significant selection of the McAlpine collection will now stay in England on display at the Museum of Garden History in Lambeth, south London. The museum acquired many of the items over which there was most disquiet: the 17th century lead-glazed ceramic watering pot, two beehive puffers (catalogued as dust puffers, but possibly smoke puffers), and elaborate 19th century ceramic tallies (plant labels).

Some of these items are already on exhibition at the museum (situated near Lambeth Bridge in St Mary's-at-Lambeth, next door to the Archbishop's Palace).

The new acquisitions, which include 19th century grape bottles, bell glasses and handlights (an early type of cloche), will later be displayed with the museum's existing collection.

The number of visitors to the museum at Lambeth is rapidly multiplying, putting pressure on the museum to achieve its current £3 million appeal, which will instate new galleries and establish a central garden information centre.

Other collections are being built up at the National Trust's Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire (0909 476592) and the Northern Horticultural Society's garden at Harlow Carr, Harrogate (0423 565418). There are also plans to set up the Capel Manor Trust Fund to create a national horticultural heritage centre in the 25 acres of garden around the Capel Manor Horticultural College and Environmental Centre in Enfield (0992 763849).

Francesca Greenoak reviews the horticultural charms of the displays at this year's Chelsea Flower Show

A good show, naturally


CLARE ROBERTS

However well it is done, a preview can never quite capture the special spirit of the Chelsea Flower Show. Even the most detailed advance descriptions of the garden landscapes and the special plants cannot prepare you for the show.

As Chelsea week begins, finishing touches are put to displays and everything is geared towards the royal visit in the afternoon and the gala event later in the evening. Many visitors are attracted by the glamour of the event rather than the gardening, but this year's show, more than any other, was for people who love gardens; the keynotes were good plans and good design.

The outdoor gardens were much nicer than usual, with less formal planting. They came in all styles, offering some interesting ideas on plant uses and associations. John Chambers's wild flower garden, with its delicious meadow and borders on both sides of the garden wall, had a charming fluted terracotta pot of ragged robin, an unusual and pretty choice. This garden was the one that everyone was talking about, with its judicious use of wild flower forms such as a wine-dark foxglove and a mixture of heart's ease and brilliant golden corn marigold used as bedding plants.

The Crabtree and Evelyn Tudor garden by Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall made an attractive model for a small town garden, with imaginative use of plants in a floral centrepiece with informal borders. The inner display was warm with scent and colour: box spirals, with a low hedge of wall germander (*Teucrium chamaedrys*) edging a bed of the old-fashioned red miniature rose, Pompon de Bourgoyne, the scented creeping camomile Treneague filling in the spaces between the flagstones. This little camomile is awful to cope with in quantity because of weeding difficulties, but is a joy when used to carpet a small area where it will be trodden on to release its rich apple scent.

There was a wider and more imaginative use of scented plants than usual; I spotted the lovely briar rose Lord Penzance in a mixed hedge, and a low hedge of the compact lavender Hidcote showed how stupendous its fresh blue-green foliage can look even before it flowers. Another garden had sweet-scented Madonna and *Regale* lilies making an inner lining within a box hedging.

Some of the highlights were striking but not reproducible — the seaside effect in Merrist Wood's Mariner's Garden, for example, with waves swishing against the shore.

The gardens were less gimmicky than usual, and many of the features could be fun for a moderately ambitious garden owner. There were two bright stripy tents, like medieval pavilions, in the "Cabbages and Kings" garden by Ryll Nowell and Millbrook Landscapes. Andrew Grace of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, included bronze bird, animal and mythical garden statues, and bright Chinese oiled paper umbrellas with wooden struts. Everywhere, pavilions, pergolas and arches and arbours, elaborately planted, offered a wide choice of design, and materials of high standard. Highfields' archway had cordon pears and apples trained up it, grown with honeysuckle which was already flowering.

Exhibitors devoted to the so-called "hard landscaping" — paths, walls, temples and large ornaments — acknowledged the presence of flowers, which spilled over stone, brick or paved paths and courtyards.

Such was the attention to detail that there was moss between the paving stones in front of the Marston and Langinger conservatory, while mock classical urns and pots brimmed with flowers.

The Peper Harrow display offered some less obvious ideas for pots and hanging baskets, with simple plantings of unusual plants such as the pink diascia, or the hazy flowered gypsophilia. The white walls and paving of Charles Lyte's garden with the Alexandra Palace Garden Centre made a passable attempt at recreating a Mediterranean garden under a bright English sun, with gaudy bougainvillaea, fejoa (*Acca sellowiana*), pink trailing Balcon geraniums and a dramatic pot with a large purple cordeline, a fountain of spiky leaves, underplanted with soft browny-purple gazanias. One of the most unusual ideas was Stapeley Water Gardens' use of large decorative oriental pots, filled with water to make a summer display of water plants such as lobelia lysimachia and water lilies.

In the marquee, the Hilliers of Winchers' long canal, flanked with fastigiate hornbeam and roses and with a background planting of shrubs, was a triumph, demonstrating how one can create a sense of space with clever use of perspective.

Paradise Centre nursery can always be relied on for some interesting and unusual plants. On this occasion it showed a handsome Japanese campanula called *Campanula takesimana*, which has soft, shining foliage and large, dropping crimson-brown bells. I was assured that it is hardy and grows well in shady places. Richard Cawthorne of Swanley, Kent, had an eye-catching pale lemon-coloured viola with tiny purple veins and spoon-shaped glossy leaves, called *Viola altaica*. These plants had been grown from seed collected by Cawthorne in the Altai mountains of the Soviet Union. Violas are rather underused as a garden plant: three plants grown together soon make a sweetly scented mound of flowers and foliage which lasts throughout the summer.

Easily overlooked, but worth seeking out, was a small display by Glebe Cottage Plants of Umberleigh, north Devon. Among their many uncommon plants were a pretty pale pink form of the Speedwell *Veronica spicata*, and a beautiful and unusual bush of *Gillenia triofoliate*.

It was probably because of the spring warmth that this year's Chelsea looked so unusually natural. If the nurseries and garden centres exhibiting at the show are retailing plants of similar quality, we can look forward to putting some of the ideas from Chelsea into practice.

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Hang a pheromone trap for codling moths in apple trees.**
- **Plant out French beans, runner beans, pumpkins and sweetcorn sown inside; sow French beans and runner beans *in situ*.**
- **Look out for red spider mite in greenhouses. Keep up watering and humidity to discourage them.**
- **Earth up potato shoots.**
- **Divide or prune water lilies which are getting too big for small ponds.**

GARDENS TO VISIT

BERKSHIRE: Folly Farm Gardens, Sulhamstead (7m SW Reading). Lutyens, Jekyll design with white garden, sunken rose garden. Teas. Adult £1, child free. Mon, 2-6pm.

GWENT: Lower House Farm, Nant-y-derry (7m SE of Abergavenny; from B4598 Usk-Abergavenny Rd, turn off at Chain Bridge). All-year-round garden with conservation pond, herb bed. Teas. Adult £1, child 20p. Sun, Mon, 2-6pm.

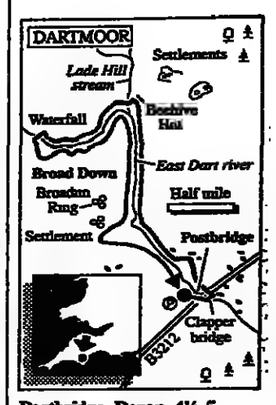
HAMPSHIRE: Vine Cottage, Ewshot, Farnham (NW of Farnham on B3013). One-acre North-facing garden; moisture loving plants on acid soil; herbaceous beds, shrubbery. Adult 60p, child free. Wed, 2-6pm.

DEVON: Andrew's Corner, Belstone (3m E of Okehampton, signed to Belstone). Well planted garden, 1,000ft above sea level, on Dartmoor overlooking Taw valley. Adult 50p, child 25p. Mon, 2.30-6pm. Teas.

BEDFORDSHIRE: Luton Hoo. Walk with gardener around the National Collection of saxifrages. NCCPG; small charge for non-members. Tues, 7pm.

COUNTY DURHAM: Barningham Park (6m S Barnard Castle, turn S off A66 at Greta Bridge). Woodland walks, trees, rock garden. Plant sales. Teas. Adult £1, child 50p. Sun, 1-6pm.

WALK



Postbridge, Devon, 4½-5 miles

POSTBRIDGE lies at the heart of Dartmoor. The scattered dwellings that make up the village stand on either side of the B3212 Moretonhampstead to Two Bridges road.

Park in the large car park 100 yards south-west of Postbridge. Leave by the gate at the south-west corner and walk along a wide track. This comes close to the river at first, but later moves away.

To the left, away from the track, stand stones, remnants of Bronze Age hut circles.

Continue along the track, fording small streams and circumventing boggy areas. Stride over the open moorland of Broad Down. Here the ground slopes down from the path to the East Dart. Keep parallel with the river as it turns sharply to the left. Walk into the moor until you reach a small waterfall.

Cross the East Dart on the convenient boulders of the fall, and then return along the other bank — downstream. The narrow, indistinct rocky path soon improves, leading downhill, crossing a promontory overlooking the dog-leg bend of the river.

Step across the Lade Hill stream, a tributary of the main river. Walk over to a well preserved beehive hut, possibly dating from medieval times. Walk on downstream, following one of the narrow paths rising above the river.

Pass through two gates by the boundary fence of a dwelling, then follow the signposts and waymarks to Postbridge.

Mary Welsh

HOMES & GARDENS

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SHOPPING

Al fresco eating is in the bag

With summertime and holidays on the horizon, Nicole Swengley shops around for fashionable and practical picnicware

A repeat of last year's scorching summer is likely to persuade most people to indulge in picnics and barbecues. Eating outdoors is made much easier these days, thanks to the lightweight accessories in the shops. With plenty of inspiration from all quarters, I have picked a range of picnicware which is practical and stylish.

● New this season are fashionable Prima flasks by Thermos. They come in contrasting colours (scarlet, blue and green) and in capacities of 0.25, 0.50, 0.75 and 1 litre, costing £3.29, £3.75, £4.30 and £4.79 respectively. Another addition to the Thermos range is a Breton-striped flask in red or blue, costing £4.25 for the 0.5 litre size and £5.49 for a 1 litre version. There is also a 16 litre cool bag, featuring Marilyn Monroe, at £7.50. Thermos picnicware is available from branches of Sainsbury's, Co-op, Morrisons and Sava-Centre. Debenhams also stock the 1 litre Breton flask.

● Cannie's kitchenware collection offers several picnicking gadgets, including a carton pourer/sealer (£1.15) for piercing packs of juice and then re-sealing them. A set of three stoppers for unfinished bottles of wine costs £1.85. A pack containing a pourer/sealer, bottle-stopper, can-opener, corkscrew and drinks stirrers costs £3.39 from Asda and Safeway. For local stockists, telephone 0753 686767.

● House of Fraser stores stock Plastico sunshine-yellow acrylic tumblers in packs of eight (99p) and 12 matching disposable teaspoons (49p). Bendy straws (29p for 40) are fun for children, while an all-in-one pack (£3.99) of four place settings — plastic plates, cutlery, tumblers and paper napkins — could be handy for family outings.

● A wool picnic rug by Morgan & Oates has a nylon waterproof backing. It measures 50in by 60in and folds into a neat package with carrying straps. Available in red, gold and blue checks, it costs £44.95 from the General Trading Company, 144 Sloane Street, London SW1 (071-730 0411), which also offers a novel Perspex 1.5 litre pineapple jug (£7.95) and tumbler (£2.10).

● Curver has introduced a range of leisureware. A drawstring cool bag (£3.25) keeps two standard-size cans of soft drinks chilled, while an insulated snack bag (£6.99), contains an ice-pack and plastic cutlery. Both are also ideal for office snacks. Curver's zipped, insulated shoulder bag (£8.25) is ideal for transporting freezer food from shop to car to home. Curver also sells a capacious, 32 litre cool box (£19.99) and pair of ice-packs (95p) which is handy for car or boat. The shoulder bag is available from branches of Debenhams and Co-op stores; the cool box is also available from these outlets and branches of Asda. For local stockists call Curver on 0536 200550.

● Texas Homecare stocks a range of inexpensive barbecues such as the Picnic (£24.99) and all the paraphernalia necessary for grilling, such as cooking utensils, charcoal, briquettes, lighting fluid and firelighters.

● Lakeland Plastics, the mail-order kitchenware company, has some creative outdoor eating ideas. Its compact Snacpac cutlery set opens to reveal a Sheffield steel knife and fork with plastic handles and a plastic spoon; the travelling sleeve conceals flip-top salt and pepper shakers. Individually they cost £3.45, but packs of four cost £10.99. Divided 8¾in plastic dinner plates with airtight lids (£2.75 each) enable snacks to be carried without spillage. A washable polythene penguin-decorated insulated bag, measuring 15¾in by 17¾in (£2.25), keeps food hot or cold for several hours. A colourful, nylon 40 litre cool bag folds flat when not in use and costs £8.99. Add £1.94 p&p for orders up to £29.99; over this amount, orders are sent post free from Lakeland Plastics, Alexandra Buildings, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1BQ (09662 88200).

● Anyone who thinks picnicware looks naff should check out the stylish tartan-covered cool bag and matching ground sheet produced by Cumbrian bag-maker John Chapman for Lakeland Plastics. The well-designed bag (£29.95) has leather trimming and a wide webbing shoulder strap. The 46in by 70in waterproof groundsheet costs £12.95. From Lakeland Plastics, mail order as above.

● The eye-catching Calypso vacuum flask, by Emsa, has a practical screw cap which means you can pour without removing the lid. The flask body houses a double-walled vacuum and airtight sealing system. Available in purple, red or white, it costs £12 from leading department and kitchenware stores.

● The kitchenware shop Bodum stocks an unusual juice jug (£7.95) with a plastic tube in the centre which is designed to be filled with water, left in the freezer, then re-inserted into the jug to cool drinks. Bodum's ice bucket (£7.95) is big enough to hold a magnum bottle (2.5 litres) and has an air-space between inner and outer casings to keep drinks cold. A 4in diameter tray costs £5.95. All from Bodum, 24 Neal Street, London WC2, (071-240 9176).

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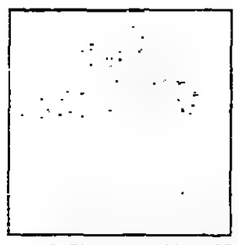
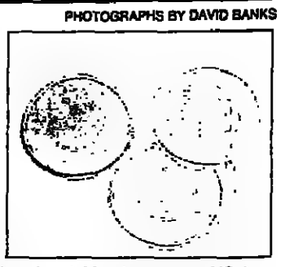
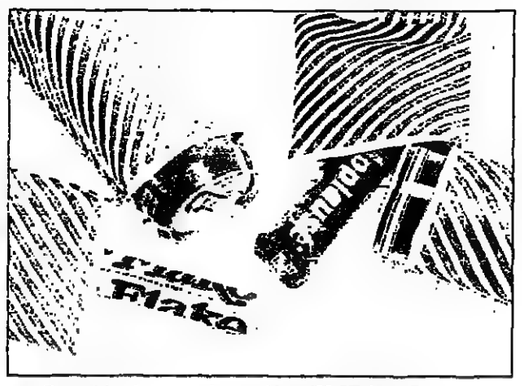
Family outings: all-in-one pack of four place settings — plastic plates, cutlery, tumblers and paper napkins — by Plastico (£3.99)



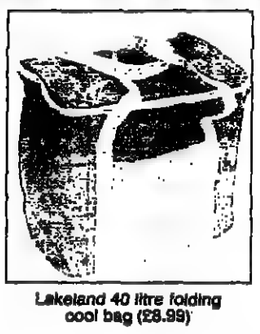


Left: Plastico tumblers (99p) and matching teaspoons (49p)
Right: Lakeland plastic plates with airtight lids (£2.75)

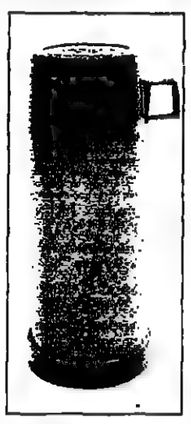


Drawstring two-can size cool bag (£3.25) from Curver

Penguin motif insulated bag from Lakeland (£2.25)



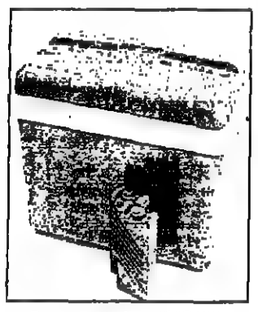
Lakeland 40 litre folding cool bag (£8.99)



Left: Breton-striped flask (£4.25) by Thermos
Right: Prima flask (£3.29) by Thermos

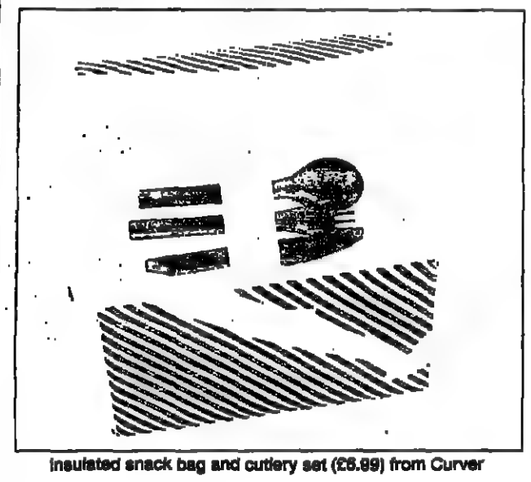
Bodum's ice bucket (£7.95) will hold a magnum

Calypso vacuum flask, in white, purple or red, by Emsa (£12)



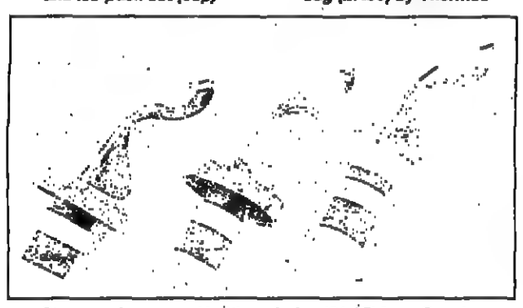
Curver cool box (£19.99) and ice-pack set (95p)

Marilyn Monroe motif cool bag (£7.50) by Thermos

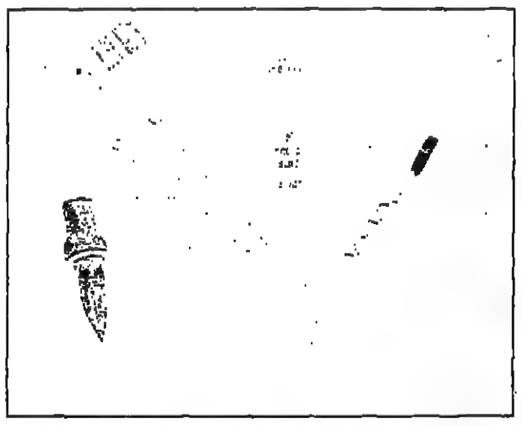


Insulated snack bag and cutlery set (£6.99) from Curver

Picnic brand barbecue (£24.99) from Texas Homecare



Stoppers for opened bottles of wine (£1.85) from Cannie



Drinks party pack with swizzle sticks (£3.39) from Cannie

Craft of the flowerpot man

Master potter Jim Keeling reveals the secrets of fine terracotta

Jim Keeling is potty about terracotta *(Nicole Swengley writes)*: "I have spent a lifetime being laughed at for making flowerpots, but it is a fascinating subject and, as an historian, I love the sense of continuity with the past these pots give," he says.

Prized for their ornamental good looks, terracotta pots are ideal for growing plants in. Their warm, earthenware texture was valued by the Minoans and the Romans, and many of today's classic shapes are derived from Etruscan workmanship. By the 18th century, terracotta pots were appreciated as much for their architectural form as for their uses in the growing of herbs and precious plants.

In Victorian and Edwardian times, designs reflected current crazes, with Egyptian motifs and art nouveau shapes emerging as favourites. Mechanization then took over and, by the Second World War, hand-thrown pots had more or less disappeared.

Not until the Sixties did terracotta start to become fashionable again. But the garden pots imported from Spain and Portugal were often under-fired, and they cracked in Britain's frost and rain. Much imported terracotta now comes from France and Italy, and most of it is machine-made, giving a hard, precise surface and brittle feel to any decoration.

A few British potters still throw clay by hand. One is Mr Keeling, who set up Whichford Pottery 15 years ago in Warwickshire. After leaving Cambridge, where he read archaeology, anthropology and medieval and colonial history, he became fascinated by pots while on holiday at an architectural dig in Iran.

Later, he became apprenticed to potters in Wrecclesham, near his parents' home in Surrey. The trouble was, the company only made flowerpots.

At Whichford, the pots are hand-made and hand-thrown, or hand-pressed with moulds. The technique is "basically English but influenced by Spanish and Italian potters", Mr Keeling says.

"You have to be very careful about preparing the clay; it is a bit like making pastry. We prepare an earthenware clay made from a mixture of local clays. It shouldn't be too dry when it is thrown, otherwise the clays will not stick together and will eventually crumble in frost." Whichford produces about 1,500 terracotta pots a week, ranging in size from 4in to 42in diameter and from 6in to 3ft tall. There are 200 designs.

"We still use much the same techniques as in the late Bronze Age," Mr Keeling says. "In this technological age it gives me a lot of pleasure to know that we can do this job better by hand."

● The Terracotta Gardener *by Jim Keeling is published by Headline at £14.95.*

● *Whichford Pottery is at Whichford, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire (0608 84416).*

ANDREW LAWSON

Prized pottery: ornamental terracotta pots and urns are ideal for displaying plants on the patio

THE WEEK IN PREVIEW

CONCERTS

From modest beginnings six years ago, the Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music has gradually assumed an international complexion. Based on St James's, 197 Piccadilly, it is devoted to music of the 17th and 18th centuries performed on period instruments. It begins on Friday with a programme by Trevor Pinnock's English Concert including *Sturm und Drang* symphonies by Haydn and Mozart. Off in a different direction is Saturday's presentation of Bach cantatas by Joshua Rifkin's Bach Ensemble from New York, a group whose "minimalist" interpretations of such works have aroused much comment. Another extreme of baroque performance practice is represented by Musica Antiqua Cologne, who on Tuesday offer virtuoso music for voice and strings by German composers between Schütz and Bach. The festival leaves Piccadilly on Friday for Westminster Cathedral, where the Catalan boys' choir Escolania de Montserrat, founded in the 14th century, sings Spanish polyphonic music by Victoria and his contemporaries. Next Saturday's concert is by the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra from Canada in concertos by Handel and others, while beyond that lie evenings of the St James Baroque Players and from Paris Capriccio Stravagante, who made a striking festival début last year. Altogether an enlightening survey of contemporary ideas on baroque performance. *Max Harrison*

NEW SHADOWLANDS: In yet another of their programmes conducted by David Atherton, the London Sinfonietta gives the world *première* of Bent Sorensen's *Shadowlands*, adding Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony No 1 and his chamber orchestra reduction of Mahler's *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* with Alfreda Hodgson (mezzo soprano).
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Today, 7.45pm.

PAGANINI/STRAD CELEBRATION: The great violinist Ruggiero Ricci marks the 150th anniversary of Paganini's death and the 100th of the birth of *The Strad* magazine with unaccompanied works by Paganini and Bach. A major occasion.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (-71-935 2141). Tomorrow, 7pm.

ASHKENAZY/LUPU: One great pianist conducts another as Radu Lupu, the quiet Romanian, solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 491 with the RPO under Vladimir Ashkenazy. Fore and aft: Weber's *Euryanthe* Overture, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tues, 7.30pm.

ANGELS, EXULTATION: Michael Tilson Thomas with the LSO progammes some welcome items by the eccentric yet very interesting American composer Carl Ruggles, *viz Angels, Exultation* and *Organum*. Later comes Mahler's Symphony No 2.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Wed, 7.45pm.

FROM KENSINGTON: The Kensington Symphony Orchestra essays Tippett's Symphony No 2 and, with the excellent Jonathan Plowright as soloist, Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (071-222 1061). Thurs, 7.30pm.

CINEMA

THE VANISHING (12): The boyfriend of a tourist kidnapped in France hunts for her taunting captor. Slick psychological thriller in the Hitchcock mould, from Dutch director George Sluizer.
Metro, London W1 (071-437 0757), Cannon Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (071-636 6148), from Fri.

THE PUNISHER (18): Dolph Lundgren, king of the rippling biceps, as a former police captain avenging his family's death. Routine thuggery, based on the Marvel Comics character; with Louis Gosset Jr., directed by Mark Goldblatt.
Cannon Oxford Street, London W1 (071-630 0310), from Fri.

HARD TO KILL (18): Lacklustre action fare, with Steven Seagal as a cop emerging from a seven-year coma to avenge himself on the crooks who shot him. With Kelly LeBrock; director, Bruce Malmuth.
Warner West End, London WC2 (071-439 0791), from Fri.

From a French play to a Broadway play to a 1955 Hollywood film to a 1989 Hollywood film: the source material of We're No Angels has travelled a long way. By now, not much connects the current film starring Robert De Niro and Sean Penn with its predecessors, apart from the concept of convicts on the run, crusty on the outside, soft as putty within. In 1955, Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray and Peter Ustinov appeared as Devil's Island escapees, helping out a family they had originally planned to rob. The new screenplay — by David Mamet, no less — sets the action during the Depression in an American town hard by the Canadian border. De Niro and Penn hide out by posing as monks at the local monastery. The stars' double-act is only moderately appealing — much of the time they seem locked in a battle over who can display the most furrowed brow — and the expected whimsy is never far away. Yet the film has more muscle than might be expected, largely through its sharp sense of place and time. The director is Neil Jordan, leaping into the American market. Plaza, London SW1 (071-437 1234), from Friday, certificate 15. *Geoff Brown*

Serenade: Placido Domingo will sing for Margot Fonteyn

DANCE

Margot Fonteyn, Rudolf Nureyev and Placido Domingo are coming to London specially for Wednesday's performance of *Romeo and Juliet* by the Royal Ballet. Dame Margot, in whose honour the performance is given, will be in the audience. Domingo, an old friend, will serenade her before the ballet starts, and Nureyev, who partnered her in the premiere 25 years ago, will this time dance Mercutio. Another of her former partners, Michael Somes, comes out of retirement to repeat his original role of Capulet, and Anthony Dowell, who was Benvolio at the premiere and later a notable Romeo and Mercutio is to play Tybalt for the first time. Sylvie Guillem, the latest in a long line of Juliets, can be relied upon to hold her own among so much competition; Jonathan Cope is her Romeo. Proceeds will establish a trust fund for Fonteyn during her life and thereafter provide scholarships for young dancers. A few seats remain at £250 and £500.
Covent Garden (071-240 1066). Wednesday.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: A revival of Antony Tudor's powerful wartime tragedy *Echoing of Trumpets* with Christopher Bruce's latest creation for the company, *Symphony in Three Movements* and Béjart's *Bolero* (Monday, Tuesday); then Ashton's poetic *Romeo and Juliet*.
Palace Manchester (061-236 9922).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Ashton's romantic comedy *La Fille mal gardée* Monday to Thursday; then the premiere of Graham Lustig's *Inscape*, to a new score by Peter McGowan, with *The Dream* and *Flowers of the Forest*, Friday and June 2.
Theatre Royal Plymouth (0752-669595).

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: New tour starts with Dan Wagoner's *Turtles all the way down*, Jonathan Lunn's *Goes Without Saying* and Kim Brandstrup's *Orfeo*.
Apollo Oxford (0865-244544). Wednesday to June 2.

ROYAL BALLET: *Romeo and Juliet* with Guillem on Monday; on Thursday Tracey Brown for the first time in *Month in the Country*, with *Song of the Earth*.
Covent Garden (071-240 1066).

FESTIVALS

DICKENS FESTIVAL: Grand Dickensian Parade, scenes from Dickens novels, Mr Pickwick special train, Victorian circus and funfair, fireworks, plus *son et lumière* peformances of Lionheart in Castle moat. From Thursday. Tourist Information, Eastgate Cottage, High Street, Rochester, Kent. (0634 43666).

GREENWICH FESTIVAL: Concerts at The Queens House, riverboat jazz cruises, traditional folk music, Andean food tastings, and appearances by Julian Bream, Peggy Ashcroft. From Friday. Festival Office, 151 Powis Street, London SE18. (081 317 8687).

SUMMER MUSIC IN CATHEDRALS: 5th annual music festival in cathedrals, including new commission from Edwin Roxburgh, Lennox Berkeley tribute, and venues including Glasgow, Durham, London (St Paul's) Rochester, Canterbury, Ely, Birmingham. From Monday. Details: P O Box 1234, London SW2 2TG (081 671 7100).

JAZZ

OLIVER JONES: Canada's "new Oscar Peterson" — a pounding modern/mainstream player — begins an extensive tour with his trio.
Bath Festival, Pump Room (0225 463362) Fri; Belfast Midsummer Jazz & Blues Festival, Europa Hotel (0232 32292) Sat.

JACK WALRATH: A collaborator with Charles Mingus towards the end of the bassist's career, the trumpeter is in residence for a week with his sextet. Support from saxophonist Barbara Thompson.
Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (071 439 0747) Mon to Sat.

STEPPIN' OUT: The unfortunately-named Grahamophones present a history of vintage jazz dance, helped by The Jiving Lindyhoppers.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (071 928 8800) Mon.

PHOTOGRAPHY

BILL BRANDT: An extraordinary side to Brandt's character is displayed in these collages and prints. Made during the late 1960s from skeletal fish, feathers, driftwood etc — often found on the beach at Antibes — then painted by Brandt and photographed in black and white, they show his exploration of solid form also found in his distorted nude pictures.
Zealda Cheatle Gallery, 8 Cecil Court, London, WC2. (071 836 0506) From May 30.

KARL LAGERFELD: A man with the Midas touch if ever there was one, Lagerfeld has turned his talents to fashion photography and portraits.
Hamilton Gallery, 13 Carlos Place, London, W1. (071 499 9493) From May 30.

OPERA

The fifth London International Opera Festival (May 30-June 29) offers another intriguing programme, with the accent again on innovation. Paul Barker, composer of the excellent *Pillow Song* and *La Malinche*, will be conducting his new opera *Albergo Empedocle*, based on E. M. Forster's satire of modern manners, in a double bill with his *Wall* from 1983. Also strongly recommended is Rudzinski's *Mannekins* from the Mecklenburgh Opera. This wild, surrealistic burlesque on the creation myth has been widely performed abroad but never before in Britain. If you have a black tie and £125 in your pocket, you can put them to good use on one of the special opera evenings at Osterley Park, Ham House or Apsley House (drinks and supper included in price). On a more modest level, young, up-and-coming talent (both singers and composers) will be on display in a series of events. The finale is a gala night presented by Thomas Allen and friends. Full details: 071-720 7610. Box Office: 071-836 0008. *Barry Millington*

GLYNDEBOURNE: Peter Sellars finds a telling modern analogue for the exoticism and search for knowledge in Mozart's *Magic Flute*, in a Sixties Californian hippie setting.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111). Tomorrow and Wed.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Unexceptional staging of Verdi's *Il trovatore* by Piero Faggioni, but strong cast includes Carol Vaness, Sergei Leiferkus, Alexei Steblianko and Eva Randová.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066). Tues and Fri.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Much rape and pillage in Robin Holloway's new opera *Clarissa* — the pillage mainly of Wagner and Tippett. Oliver Knussen conducts.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161). Tues and Fri.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Highly acclaimed staging of Verdi's *Otello* returns with new Desdemona, Faith Esham, joining Jeffrey Lawton in the title role.
WNO, New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844). Tues and Fri.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: The theme of the loss of our spiritual instincts is powerfully treated in John Metcalf's new opera *Tornrak*, superbly directed by Mike Ashman.
WNO, New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844). Wed.

HANGING THE PRESIDENT: Traverse Theatre Edinburgh production of Michele Celeste's South African Death Row drama, directed by Ian Brown.
Battersea Arts centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223). Opens Wed.

THEATRE

GASPING: Hugh Laurie and Bernard Hill in Ben Elton's first stage play, a comedy, directed by Bob Spiers.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, London SW1 (071-930 9832). Previews from Fri. Opens June 7.

ROCK

ROBERT PLANT: Leonine ex-Led Zeppelin howler ably supported by the comely Alannah Myles of "Black Velvet" fame.
Sheffield City Hall (0742 735295) Fri; Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590) Sat.

LURRIE BELL: Young Chicago blues guitarist, son of harmonica player Carey Bell. His playing evinces all the classic influences including Freddie, B.B. and Albert King.
West End Centre, Aldershot (0252 330040) Fri.

BOBBY BROWN: God-fearing soul brother and sex machine whose grunt 'n' grind routines tend to be on the heavy-handed side.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) Mon, Tues; London Arena, Limeharbour, E14 (071 538 1212) Thurs, Fri.

JOAN BAEZ: Matronly folk singer from the Woodstock generation.
Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590) Tues; Apollo, Manchester (061 273 3775) Wed; Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (071 589 8212) Fri.

EAZY-E/NWA: Controversial West Coast gangster-rap crew with a determinedly rebarbative and repetitive line in lyrics.
Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071 326 1022) Sun, Mon; Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236) Tues.

With success beckoning in America, where their début album has sold close on 100,000 copies, the Stone Roses tomorrow mount their most spectacular British show yet on Spike Island in the middle of the Mersey. Although no other bands are billed to appear and the singularly inaccessible site boasts a whopping 30,000 capacity, the event has already sold out, underlining the phenomenal devotion of the group's ever-expanding legion of followers. The publicity surrounding the group's recent court appearance, following an alleged assault with several cans of paint on their former record company's offices, has done no harm to their regally truculent image, while a string of re-released singles — "She Bangs the Drums", "Made of Stone" and "Elephant Stone" — have all reached the Top 40 this year in the wake of the Top 5 success of "Fool's Gold". Spike Island, Widnes, Cheshire (061 839 0858) tomorrow. *David Sinclair*

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

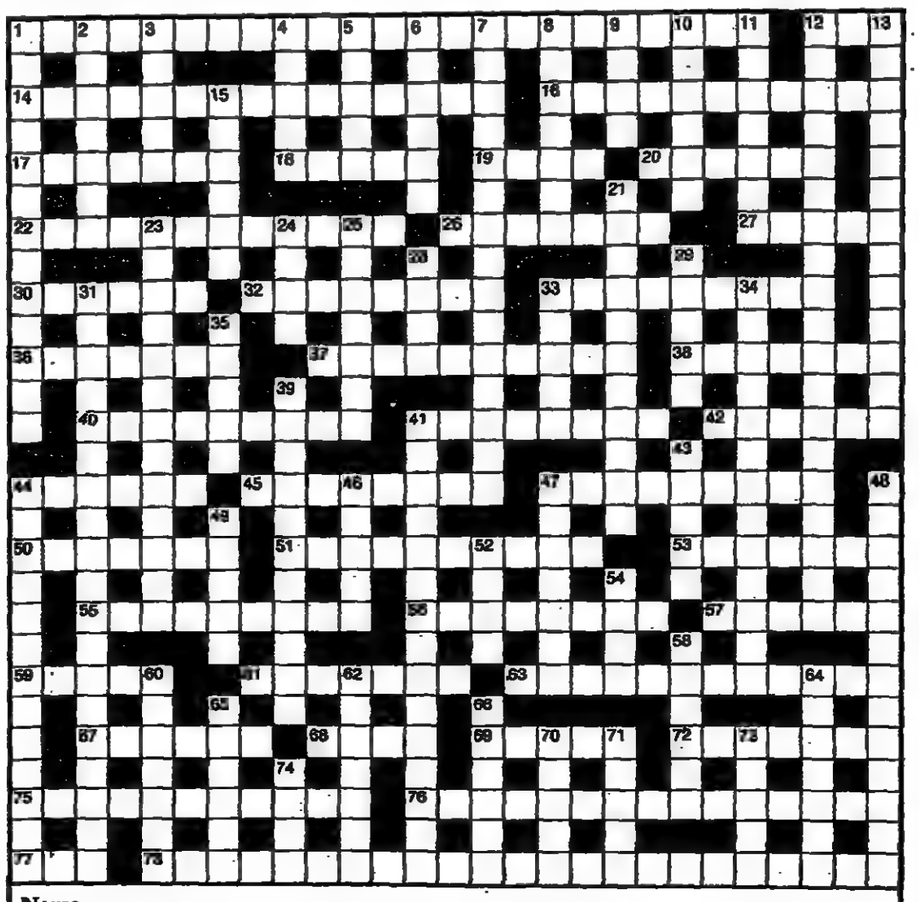
Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on Monday, June 11, 1990. Entries should be sent to The Times Spring Jumbo Crossword Competition, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be published on Saturday, June 16.

ACROSS

1 Music hall proverbially gives the biography its piquancy (7,2,3,5,2,4)
12 Bully beef (3)
14 When it's dark and stormy, room here for the wounded soldier (11,4)
16 Result of a disappointment in love — hater, perhaps? (6,5)
17 Exponent of Christmas gets lit up (4-3)
18 An honour for a rogue (5)
19 Alternative elements discovered in Irish county (4)
20 Redhead's not finished the vegetable (6)
22 Lawyer rang in order to give notice of attack (5,7)
26 Orsino died poor, in sheltered accommodation (7)
27 Gesture of contempt from Irish rugby player (5)
30 Running buffet helps to fill the bar (6)
32 Knew old English song about an ornamental plant (8)
33 Diplomats imbibing French wine in one instance swayed (9)
36 Heather, always interrupting and giving suggestive looks (7)
37 He caricatures American strip-tease queen (10)
38 Sibyl caught first boat (7)
40 Stenographer's depression leading to this one operation (9)
41 Meeting gets a push from the Head (8)
42 Appeal verdict at Lords hearing, perhaps (3,3)
44 Am feeling a disinclination to work today (6)
45 Swindle by decoy shows disrespect for authority (8)
47 Sum up Scot as a formalist (9)
50 Mounted soldier has to draw new round spectacles (7)
51 One born a Dane, perhaps, or a Scotsman (10)
53 Carmen, for example, is given cigarette ends to produce an effect (7)
55 Resolve to put off the Tunnel (9)
56 Not heretical, like the Church of the East (8)
57 Hat for a gondolier (6)
59 Music appropriate for the Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze? (5)
61 Ability to perceive clearly, in a sense (7)
63 Be careful of the poet when out East — his stock could be low! (12)
67 Be treated as an equal, and make the same (6)
68 Small bar where gratuities are rejected (4)
69 He keeps his eyes on the peacock's tail (5)
72 Bird is yellow round the wing tip (7)
75 Transpose opening keys of divine composition for improvement (11)
76 Strong point of the city around which a Celt dines out (9,6)
77 Return passage in powerful boat (3)
78 Nobles once, for example, responsible for everything bad, according to the proverb (5,2,3,4,2,3,4)

DOWN

1 Portrait painter with appropriate neckwear (7,6)
2 Professional — a large Rugby Union product (7)
3 Laud's former fortune turned up (5)
4 Cuff is starting to split on raincoat (5)
5 He gets involved with any creature that may be spotted (5)
6 He bowls in the main for England and France (6)
7 A clandestine suit one lost, perhaps, for taking improper liberties (8,7)
8 Prohibition an eye-opener to doctor on Greek ship (7)
9 Sell illicitly, and the game's up! (4)
10 A Balaclava, perhaps, with a covering on the peak (3-3)
11 Urges former partner to remove business from associates (7)
12 Professional man, shortly about to be capitalised (9,10)
13 Awful wait, keeping left, on Regent Street diversion for the way west (7,6)
15 Put up scrap of sail to accelerate boat on Nile (6)
21 Dicky Bean, the favoured contestant (5,6)
23 In your eye, art has a new fashion with monotonous regularity (4,2,4,3)
24 Is such a biter secure? (4)
25 Seek nut for making into carved ornament (7)
28 Spoken in a choral work (4)
29 In pit, coal at first is cut into small pieces (5)
31 Snapping as well as recording a criminal offence (8,3,8)
33 Nothing, in short, to pay attention to (5)
34 Order car or bus if one is carrying coal (13)
35 Queen Mab was no bigger than such a stone (*R and J*) (5)
39 Modern man in the moon's shape is changing (4,7)
41 Those who are this presumably have to bite on the bullet (5,2,3,5)
43 Fasten outside to peg (5)
44 It contains remedies for strange endemic itches (8,5)
46 I objectively understand article's argument (5)
47 Bridge hand needing no skill — it plays itself (7)
48 It appears at the top of a motoring column (8,5)
49 Tin soldier holding a sort of drum (5)
52 Graphic staff sign in gloss (4)
54 The personification, so to speak, of the flatfoot? (4)
58 Bishop or scholar is in the soup (6)
60 Industry that is going places (7)
62 One member winds up and is suspended (7)
64 Small mount with ovolo moulding for foreign statesman (7)
65 Remove water from stock (6)
66 Each rise makes one more free from anxiety (6)
70 "Budge" was the fiendish advice he got in Venice (5)
71 Sort of mechanism that helps lesser voices (5)
73 A disguise sounds to be effective here (5)
74 Very little money goes on the youth leader (4)



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SOLUTION TO NO 2186
(yesterday's concise crossword)

ACROSS: 1 Report 4 Snobby 9 Cocteau 10 Unite 11 Cosh 12 Bloodied 14 Empire-builder 17 Stockpot 19 Plea 21 Baton 22 Epithet 23 Escape 24 Corner

DOWN: 1 Recycle 2 Packs up 3 Reel 5 Neurpsis 6 Blini 7 Yield 8 Fully booked 13 Broken up 15 Dolphin 16 Reactor 17 Sable 18 Optic 20 Kilo

SOLUTIONS TO NO 2181
(last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Kasbah 4 Step 7 Pew 9 Inertia 10 In use 11 Hermaphrodite 12 Petticoat 16 Non-productive 19 Qualm 20 Roundel 21 Pus 22 Evil 23 Pedant

DOWN: 1 Knight 2 Sheer 3 Attract 5 Tourist 6 Prefer 7 Pathfinders 8 Wino 12 Punjabi 13 Occlude 14 Unique 15 Pellet 17 Rump 18 India

The winners of prize concise No 2181 are Mr N. Milne, Spring Tyne, Westhill, Aberdeen, and G. Jennison, Ayots Green, Hatfield, Doncaster.

Concise Jumbo

There are no prizes for this crossword. The solution will appear on Monday

ACROSS

1 Floral wonder of the world (7,7,2,7)
12 Oil drill (3)
14 Female parent not wed (9,6)
16 Family trees expert (11)
17 Wine/honey drink (7)
18 Dawn (5)
19 Sub division (4)
20 Scots hunter's guide (6)
22 Greek, Roman gods (3,9)
26 Early Latin Bible (7)
27 Tiny (5)
30 Insert with syringe (6)
32 Undoing (8)
33 Began (9)
36 Chinese tile game (7)
37 Dictatorial (10)
38 Compressed (7)
40 Child carer (9)
41 Sensitive current regulator (8)
42 Yellow cage finch (6)
44 Scallywag (6)
45 Bewailed (8)
47 Hindu mystic teacher (9)
50 Naming (7)
51 Deluge (10)
53 Contravene (7)
55 Wine steward (9)
56 Food of the gods (8)
57 Viewpoint summerhouse (6)
59 Blockhead (5)
61 Bus conductress (7)
63 Unconcerned (12)
67 Little child (6)
68 Austen Woodhouse love story (4)
69 Tapestry hanging (5)
72 Non-native resident (7)
75 Generally (2,2,7)
76 Disobedience (15)
77 First note (3)
78 F A N Y (5,3,7,8)

DOWN

1 Victory time (4,2,7)
2 Chosen candidate (7)
3 Mecca pilgrim robes (5)
4 Assistants (5)
5 Swamp (5)
6 No chance (2,4)
7 Dickens Harmon novel (3,6,6)
8 Scrounging (7)
9 Curve (4)
10 Introduction (4,2)
11 Pasta strips (7)
12 Mainz state (9,10)
13 Escape worst consequences (3,3,7)
15 Ice houses (6)
21 Belly pain (7,4)
23 Minute bacterium (13)
24 Captured (4)
25 Limp (7)
28 Mafia chief (4)
29 Sandy shore (5)
31 Well-tempered clavier composer (6,9,4)
33 Quotes example (5)
34 Merciful (13)
35 Gawped at (5)
39 Vegetable casserole (11)
41 Explanatory justification (15)
43 Courageous (5)
44 Grimm little heroine (3,6,4)
46 Insert (5)
47 S. Asian rainy season (7)
48 Greater part (13)
49 Concur (5)
52 Deep red gem (4)
54 Process oven (4)
58 Zodiac twins (6)
60 Best 50 per cent (3,4)
62 Vesuvius city (7)
64 Gun muzzle plug (7)
65 Decorative surface (6)
66 Heavy rope (6)
70 Synagogue leader (5)
71 Shrub sprout (5)
73 Allure (5)
74 Elapsed (4)

Little to enthuse over as Scots are given 'bevvy' ban

From RODDY FORSYTH, VALLETTA, MALTA

NEITHER Scotland, who play Malta in the Ta'qali stadium here on Monday, nor the Republic of Ireland, who arrive on the island on the same day, have generated any degree of excitement among the locals, although the population is well aware of both teams' status as World Cup finalists.

The lack of enthusiasm has rather more to do with the Maltese preoccupation with Pope John Paul II, who arrived yesterday to commence the first ever papal visit to the island of the Knights of St John.

The Scots are bound to be acutely aware of the papal presence. Tomorrow, at breakfast time, the Pope will make his way through dense throngs to St Julian's Parish Church, a couple of hundred yards from the Scottish headquarters in the Malta Hilton Hotel, and will then proceed to the football stadium to attend a youth rally and watch a demonstration match.

What impact these events will have on a pitch which is already more than weather-beaten is anybody's guess. But, oddly, the playing of football appears to be low on the Scots' agenda at this stage of their preparation for the Italian campaign, which begins in just over two weeks time.

"The human and environmental factors are our priorities," Andy Roxburgh, the Scottish coach, said yesterday. "If they aren't right, the football will not be right.

"For example, we have told the players that, other than a glass of wine with meals, drink is definitely not on. They understand that there is to be no bevvy," he said, employing the Glaswegian euphemism for alcoholic consumption.

"It's not that I believe that we are likely to have any problem with this squad. In fact, compared to some previous Scottish World Cup squads, the situation is quite the contrary with our lads. But we know from previous tournaments that certain teams have certain reputations and, in our case, people say: 'All your players will be on the whisky'.

"Now, not only is that not true, but, as somebody who has never tasted whisky in his life, I find it most offensive. I'm not going to give anybody the opportunity to manipulate a false image."

The Scottish management has also banned the use of carbonated drinks, even of the non-alcoholic variety, and deodorants.

But the players have fortunately been told that washing is permissible, a highly desirable dispensation in view of Roxburgh's insistence that they are to sweat as much as possible in the next week in order to acclimatize themselves to the conditions they may expect in Genoa.

Roxburgh said: "We have taken the latest in medical advice, and my experience observing the Brazilians in Mexico in 1986 suggests that short spells of quality work are what we should be aiming for.

"We will train only with the ball and play short 15-minute bursts of football. Mental tiredness is more of a problem for us but the change of environment is already working."

Some here have suggested that, given the Scots' record of one victory in their previous seven fixtures, it might be worth their while securing a papal blessing while one is in the offing. But Roxburgh stressed that, at a lay level, all that can be expected is being accomplished.

"We can only minimize the risk of problems and, if it comes to effort on that score, I do not believe we will have cause to reproach ourselves."

Kendall rejects an approach by FA

By IAN ROSS

THE list of possible successors to Bobby Robson as the manager of England shortened yesterday when Howard Kendall ruled himself out of contention.

Within hours of learning that Robson was to resign at the end of next month's World Cup finals in Italy to take up the post of coach with PSV Eindhoven, the Football Association (FA) made contact with Kendall's club, Manchester City, to seek permission to interview him.

No doubt mindful that his already fragile relationship with the City supporters would be further strained were he to fail to secure the job, Kendall, aged 44, diplomatically declined the invitation. But, by the constant use of the phrase "at this time" during the course of a hastily convened press conference at Maine Road, he did hint that he would like to be considered, at a future date, for what he has always described as "the ultimate challenge".

Kendall's decision paves the way for the appointment of Graham Taylor, the manager of Aston Villa, who, along with Terry Venables, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, is believed to make up the FA's initial shortlist of possible contenders.

Although Kendall did not refer to Taylor by name yesterday, he made it clear that he now expects him to be invited to succeed Robson.

When asked if he would consider reversing his decision was the FA to fail in its attempts to find a suitable manager, Kendall said: "I have no doubt that a suitable candidate will be interviewed and will accept.

"I must stress that it was not the offer of a job," he said. "After careful consideration I felt that I had to decline because I feel that things are going so well here at Manchester City. I like to be involved at club level and not to have to wait three months to put a result right.

"If you have your doubts about doing something then I do not think that you should go so far as accepting an interview. It would be wrong to go down there not wanting the job 100 per cent, and not feeling desperate to get it."

Gallagher warns All Blacks

By KEITH MACKLIN

JOHN Gallagher, formerly of London Irish, Wellington and New Zealand and indisputably the world's No. 1 full back, yesterday met the Press at Headingley following his six-figure, five-year signing for Leeds Rugby League Club.

Gallagher, described by the Leeds chief executive, Alf Davies, as "the most important signing ever made by a rugby league club from rugby union", sounded alarm bells for New Zealand when he expressed serious misgivings about his adopted country's chances of holding on to its best players

Gallagher said: "The situation is dangerous. The All Blacks have now had a terrific run of between 40 and 45 matches without defeat, and some of the players feel that they have proved themselves in rugby union and are looking for fresh fields to conquer.

"More players could be ready to sign professional, particularly if they get the sort of offers made to me and to Matthew Ridge, who has gone to Manly-Warringah in Sydney."

Leeds would not reveal the price paid to bring Gallagher back to this country and to rugby league, though it is reliably believed to be between £350,000 and £400,000 over five years, with added match fees and bonuses.

"I had no serious intention of signing for a rugby league club, although I had seen games live and on TV and, like all rugby union backs, thought I would like to have a go at it. When Leeds contacted me I jokingly said, 'Make me an offer I can't refuse'. They came back to me and did just that," Gallagher said.

David Ward, the Leeds coach, is in Australia negotiating with Gary Freeman, the New Zealand international rugby league half back, who is likely to be the club's next significant signing.

Pollard doubt

Paul Pollard, the Nottinghamshire opener, may be ruled out of playing for six weeks after breaking a finger in two places in a second-team game this week. Pollard enjoyed considerable success last season when he became the county's youngest-ever batsman to score 1,000 first-class runs in a season, but has struggled this season to recapture his form.

Hadlee may have to be discounted from Test

Broken hand casts a shadow

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE unthinkable happened to New Zealand yesterday when Richard Hadlee, on whom so much of their Test match strategy depends, was sent to hospital with a suspected broken bone in his bowling hand after being struck by England fast bowler Chris Lewis.

Although bravely returning to the ground to bowl, and take two vital wickets, Hadlee's hand was sore and swollen. He was later back in hospital for more X-rays, fearing news which could discount him from the imminent start of the Test series.

Hadlee's injury, following with indecent haste a hideous blow in the face which put Kenny Rutherford in hospital overnight, totally overshadowed the second Texaco Trophy international before a capacity crowd at The Oval.

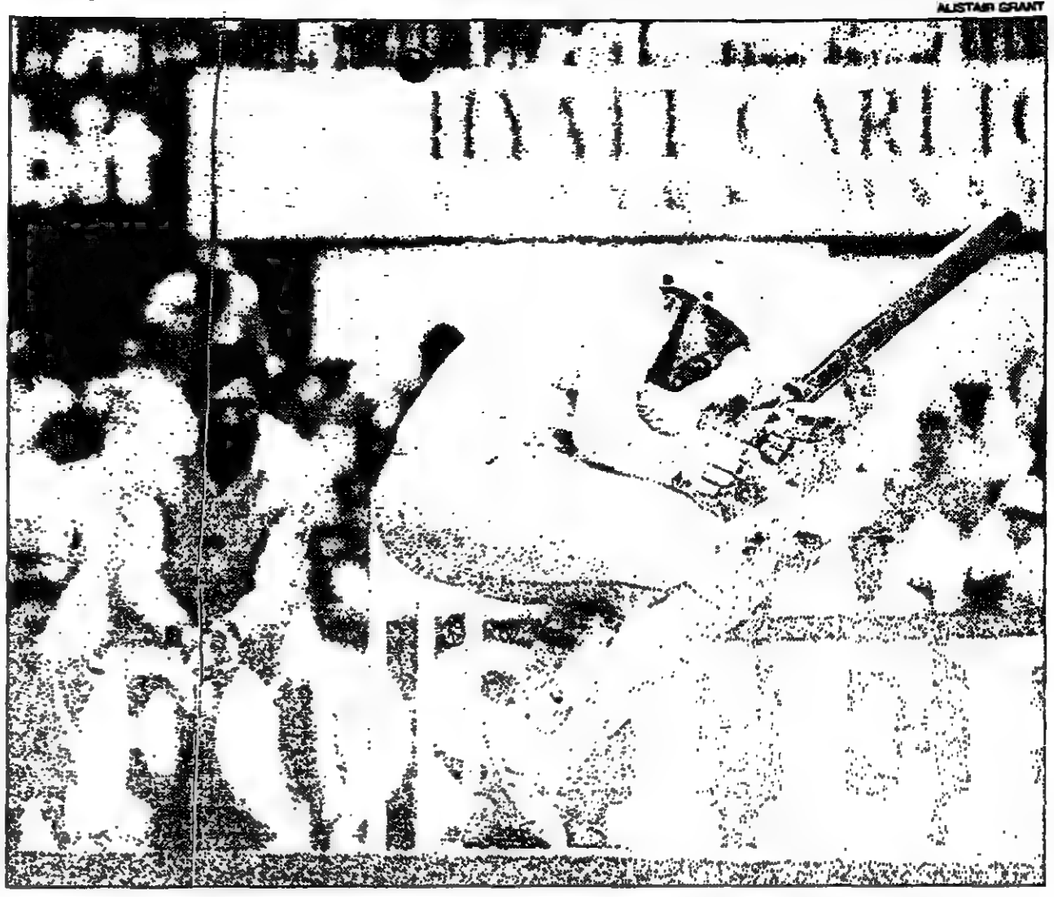
This, despite a second consecutive century from Mark Greatbatch and some eye-opening fast bowling from Devon Malcolm in a match which did not approach the heady scoring heights expected.

The early surprises involved the England bowlers. Small was pronounced fit to play but Malcolm was picked alongside him, ahead of Pringle. If all this was against expectations, so too was the way in which Malcolm began with four frugal maidens. He simply bowled straight, at a decent pace, and on a pitch blessed with bounce he was difficult to get away.

Wright at last took two runs off Malcolm in the tenth over, but it was a short-lived conquest. Aiming, characteristically, to drive the next ball wide of mid-on, Wright marginally miscued and gave a comfortable catch to Small.

Malcolm was indirectly responsible for the next wicket. Jones played him backward of point and was off balance as the non-striker, Crowe, sprinted for the single.

ALISTAIR GRANT



Kiwi ducks: Greatbatch is brought low as he achieves another high with his second century in three days

By the time Jones engaged gear and set off, Stewart had swooped, shown considerable presence of mind, and carefully returned to the bowler's stumps.

Crowe was never at ease after this, and had made only seven, from 31 balls, when Lewis produced a ball with pace, life, and enough movement to take the outside edge.

The same bowler-wicketkeeper combination had dismissed Crowe on Wednesday, at which Rutherford was out second ball for nought. This time he lasted one extra ball before being sickeningly felled by Lewis. It was a furiously quick short ball, climbing so steeply that Rutherford, in position to hook, was not even halfway through the shot when the ball thudded into his unprotected face.

Precious few bowlers enjoy inflicting such injury and Lewis is no sadist. He was visibly distressed as Rutherford lay prone by his stumps and needed to be comforted by Gooch before continuing. Rutherford was helped off and taken to hospital, where he was X-rayed for damage just above the left eye and detained for observation.

Hadlee's suffering was by no means as public. Lewis hit him on the right hand, shortly before lunch, but Hadlee batted on until the interval before being advised to retire.

Priest joined Greatbatch and another 81 runs were added. This gave us a real curiosity, with the fourth wicket having produced 121 runs between four batsmen. Greatbatch was the influential figure and the more one sees of this stocky left-hander the more one is impressed.

He can be compared with England's Robin Smith, both in power and self-discipline. A mighty hitter, especially when the ball is of full length, he cajoles himself between balls, talking and gesturing. When he clubbed DeFreitas over midwicket for six, he shook his fist to urge himself the final few steps towards another century. Two overs later he was there and New Zealand's score was beginning to look competitive.

Greatbatch was out in the penultimate over, but by then he had prompted a lengthy debate between the umpires by protesting over how many short pitched balls were being permitted. New Zealand's home regulations for one-day cricket dictate that any ball bounding above shoulder height is a wide, but here, the stipulation is head height. Confusion is understandable and this is another area in which the game would be far better served by one, binding international rule.

Six overs into England's reply, they were 29 for three, the glamour players all gone. Gower, needing a score to justify his rapid recall, languidly pulled Hadlee's second ball for four To the next he moved too far across his stumps and was bowled behind his legs.

Walsh returns

Courtney Walsh returns after a two-match absence to the Gloucestershire side for the championship game against Middlesex at Lord's, starting today. The West Indian fast bowler said "I've taken two games off to re-charge my batteries."

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

England won toss

NEW ZEALAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
*J G Wright c Small b Malcolm	15				15
Mistimed drive to mid-on					
A H Jones run out	15	4	55	31	
Misconceived with Crowe					
M D Crowe	7				
Beaten by bounce					
M J Greatbatch c Smith b Malcolm	111	1	10	158	130
Sliced to third man					
K R Rutherford retired hurt	0	-	-	3	3
R J Hadlee retired hurt	9	-	-	43	24
M W Priest c Smith b DeFreitas	24	-	-	82	51
Sliced to third man					
†I D S Smith not out	25	1	2	28	17
C Pringle b Small	1	1	2	28	17
Mistiming room to drive					
Extras (lb 2 w 3)	5				
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	212				

J P Mitmow and D K Morrison did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-33, 3-53, 4-174, 5-202, 6-212.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 11-1-47-1; Malcolm 11-5-19-2; Lewis 11-1-51-1; Small 11-0-59-1; Hemmings 11-2-34-0.

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
*G A Gooch not out	58	-	7	106	78
D I Gower b Hadlee	4	-	1	3	3
Bowled behind legs					
R A Smith c Smith b Hadlee	5	-	1	14	12
Pushing at an outswinger					
A J Lamb lbw b Pringle	4	-	1	5	4
Beaten on the back foot					
A J Stewart not out	28	-	3	78	55
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 1)	7				
Total (3 wkts, 25 overs)	104				

D R Pringle, †R C Russel, P A J DeFreitas, C C Lewis, G C Small and E E Hemmings to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-15, 3-29.

Umpires: D J Constant and J H Hampshire

Mixed statistical evidence

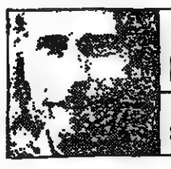
By RICHARD LOCKWOOD

IT HAS been a long-held convention that it is easier to win one-day matches batting second than batting first. Evidence from recent one-day internationals seems to bear this out: West Indies won four matches against England in the Caribbean batting second (the other two were abandoned). Ten of the 18 matches played in the Nehru Cup and eight of the 14 matches in last winter's World Series Cup were won by the side chasing a victory target.

Matches played in the Texaco Trophy and the Prudential Trophy that preceded it also bear out the theory: 33 of the 53 matches before today have been won by the side batting second, only 18 by the side batting first. Of the 25 completed matches between England and New Zealand, 14 have been won by the side batting second.

But not all the statistics are so convincing: in the three World Cups played in England, 26 matches were won by the side batting second but 30 by the side batting first; and in the last World Cup played in India and Pakistan, 19 of the 27 matches were won by the side who batted first

Schwarzenegger's fitness to lead



SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

President Bush has committed himself to the dream of a healthier United States. Guess who he has appointed chairman of his No. 1 rah-rah group, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport? The answer defies belief: Arnold Schwarzenegger. Schwarzenegger is a bodybuilder — *the* bodybuilder. His pectorals may be as big as a normal chap's head, but I am at a loss to know what the man has to do with fitness, let alone sport.

Schwarzenegger has won Mister this, that and the other, but mainly he is a film star. Pump up the pecs and look grim, Arnie. His most memorable — if that's the word I'm looking for — role was that of Conan the Barbarian. Bodybuilding is a sport — now that's *not* the word I'm looking for — infested with drugs. Schwarzenegger has even admitted taking steroids in "modest" amounts. A survey in 1988 demonstrated that 6.6 per cent of high school senior males in the United States had taken steroids. No doubt Arnie can improve things there.

Even without the drugs, the appointment stinks. The association of fitness with the cultivation of enormous muscles, designed simply to impress, seems, as the Penn State University professor, Charles Yessalis, says in the US magazine *Sports Illustrated*, "an inappropriate message". We are not talking about sport, or fitness, in any genuine sense at all. Instead, the concept of fitness has been equated with a parody of masculinity, and a paradigm of narcissism. And these, as it happens, are the two least attractive aspects of the entire United States.

Runs in the family

This column has always been fascinated by the murky underworld of under-13 cricket: a never-never land of Herculean performances in which individuals reach heights of attainment they may never know again, no matter how long they live, while about their ears, entire sides fall like the House of Usher. The first performance of note I have heard about this season comes from a match played last weekend between prep schools, Cundall Manor, near Thirsk, and Red House, from York. Here are the deeds of one Cundall lad: he scored 161 not out from a total of 208, coming in at No. 3. He bowled a bit, too, when he was not standing at second slip with his hands on his knees. He sent down, in fact, six overs, and took 10 wickets for three runs — three leg before, the rest bowled. He is also a useful golfer and a pugnacious scrum-half. His family is interested in learning how this performance can be measured, compared or rated. Oh, the lad's name? Liam Botham.

Glasnost has long since gone over the top. The Soviet Union now possesses an organization of the alumni of the educational establishment of Notre Dame (please say Noater Daym) in the United States. Its members can sing the Notre Dame victory march in Russian, and meet to discuss the chances of the football team for the coming season.

Rooms with a view

Warning: this story is not suitable for minors. It concerns the Toronto SkyDome, a sporting arena which is, they tell me, the eighth wonder of the world. It can hold 50,000 people, all under cover, and it has a retractable roof to keep the weather out — a sensible precaution in Canada. It incorporates a 70-room hotel, including rooms from which you can watch the Toronto Blue Jays strut their stuff. These cost up to C$800 (about £400) a night.

The close association of hotel bedroom and sports stadium is a novelty. Certainly it was for the couple who were caught *in flagrante delicto* by 50,000 people at a recent Blue Jays game. Apparently an investigation has been launched, though the human race has been investigating the same thing pretty thoroughly ever since Eden without coming to any very certain conclusions. The ball-park-facing rooms are now equipped with notices advising couples that discretion can be achieved with the drawing of the curtains. The SkyDome management is considering the more drastic step of installing one-way glass to prevent a repetition of the couple's novel interpretation of baseball's traditional seventh-inning stretch. Naturally, the Canadian journos have been living off the story for days. The best line thus far: Did the roof move for you, honey?

Points of distinction

With the domestic football season on its last knockings, I feel I am safe in announcing the nomination for this column's team of the year. It goes without any debate, to Impact United of the Matlock and District League first division, and I am grateful to John Large for writing to tell me about them. Their record for the season was: played 21, drawn 1, lost 20, for which they were awarded a single point. However, they failed to fulfil their 22nd and final fixture of the season. For this crime, the league docked them three points. Impact United thus finished with a points total of minus two.

Faldo lurking dangerously in the wings in the Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth

Romero hits the target again

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

José-Maria Olazábal, of Spain, earned a share of the early first round lead in the Volvo PGA championship yesterday with a first round of 66, six under par, on the West course at Wentworth.

Olazábal was joined at the top of the leaderboard by Paul Curry, of Britain, Eduardo Romero, of Argentina, and Tony Johnstone, of Zimbabwe, with Nick Faldo and Richard Boxall lurking dangerously a shot behind.

With the help of his father, a club professional, Romero underwent a swing change in the winter, which has improved his consistency from tee to green, and his results this season prove it. He won the Volvo Open, was second in the Mediterranean Open and has been third in each of his last two tournaments. The longest putt he holed, one of 10 feet at the 16th, was an indication of his accuracy on the tinder-dry fairways.

Curry would like to borrow some of Romero's consistency. He enjoyed an excellent week at Montpellier two months ago when he was second in the AGF Open, since when he has failed to survive the halfway guillotine in each of his other six tournaments.

The omens looked to be against him again when he took three putts on the first green. His spirit, however, soared when a putt of 40 feet found the sanctuary of the hole for a two at the fifth. Out in 34, he played the inward half in 32 with the help of an eagle from 20 feet at the 12th and birdies at each of the last two holes, where he made putts of 20 feet and 12 feet respectively.

Johnstone, who has returned to the jab style of putting as perfected by Gary Player, had a wonderful day on the greens. He holed three times from 18 feet, once for an eagle at the fourth, and from 20 feet at the 16th. He also salvaged par on four occasions with putts of between six and 15 feet.

Faldo warmed to the task of defending his title following an outward half of 34 in which he missed the chance of a birdie from three feet at the fifth. He was galvanized by a putt of 20 feet for an eagle at the 12th although, following birdies at the 15th and 17th from 15 feet and 12 feet, he contrived to miss from five feet at the last.

There are signs that at the age of 29 Boxall may be fulfilling the potential he showed as an amateur. His success in the Italian Open last week was his first as a professional. "I was beginning to think I couldn't count myself as being one of the boys because I hadn't won," he said.

The confidence gained from his victory in Monza has inspired him to set new goals for himself.

Wentworth, the home of the World Match Play, is also just around the corner from Boxall's house in Camberley. He set out with birdies at the first, where he holed from 30 feet, and second, and an eagle from 40 feet at the fourth. He had another eagle, this time with a putt of 10 feet at the 12th, although his card was marred by dropped shots at the 13th and 17th.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 66: P Curry, E Romero (Arg), A Johnstone (Zim). 67: R Boxall, N Faldo, J Bland (SA). 68: M Ferry (Fr), J Rystrom (Swe), B Lane. 69: V Fernandez (Arg), R Mann, A Saavedra (Arg), S McAllister, S Bottomley. 70: J Hawkes (SA), C Moody, A Chantley, P Walton, A Murray, R Drummond. 71: J Quiros (Sp), V Singh (Fiji), D Durnian, M Clayton (Aus), M Poxon. 72: D J Russell, J Parnevik (Swe), J Rivero (Sp), S Bennett, B McGovern, D Llewellyn, B Gallacher, R Claydon, S Stephen, P Senior (Aus).

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	471	4	10	186	3
2	155	3	11	376	4
3	452	4	12	483	5
4	501	5	13	441	4
5	191	3	14	179	3
6	344	4	15	486	4
7	399	4	16	380	4
8	398	4	17	571	5
9	450	4	18	502	5
Out	3,361	35	In	3,584	37
Total yardage: 6,945				Par: 72	

Body language: Nick Faldo is in agony as a putt slips by the hole yesterday

Uzielli in pursuit of a family double

By Patricia Davies

ANGELA Uzielli, who at 50 is in her first year as an official veteran, has smiled and charted her way into this morning's final of the English women's championship at Rye, where she will meet Linzi Fletcher, the Northumberland champion, who is 28 years her junior.

Uzielli, a dangerously potent blast from the past, has been scattering Curtis Cup hopefuls with gay abandon, a fiercely competitive will and no little amount of golfing skill.

Yesterday morning she recovered from three down after nine holes against Julie Hall, the champion two years ago, to win by one hole, sinking killer putts of 25 feet on both the 17th and 18th greens. She then saw off Helen Dobson, the ailing defending champion, by the 14th in the semi-final.

Dobson was not her usual self and it was obvious that she was suffering from the golfer's elbow in her left arm. She won only one hole, the 3rd, but from there on had no answer to Uzielli's almost apologetic, well-nigh perfect golf.

Uzielli, who won the British title in 1977 but has never won the English, losing in the final 14 years ago, took the 4th with a birdie to draw level and moved ahead for good at the 6th, a hole that summed up Dobson's discomfort. Uzielli hit her second shot into a fairway bunker and Dobson, quite uncharacteristically, followed her in.

An ancient blade putter, recently acquired, has been proving just the thing for fast greens and Uzielli really put the boot in with three birdies in a row from the 9th.

Fletcher, her last stumbling block, had a marvellous, multi-birdie battle with Sarah Bennett, of Colchester in her semi-final, winning with a par five at the last after her opponent had driven into a bush and took a brave six.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: F Macdonald (Frinton-on-Sea) lost to L Fletcher (Alnmouth), 2 and 1; S Hedges (Royal Cinque Ports) lost to S Bennett (Colchester), 3 and 2; J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) lost to A Uzielli (Berkshire), 3 and 2; L Farclough (Chorley) lost to H Dobson (Seacroft), 3 and 2. Semi-finals: Fletcher bt Bennett, 1 hole; Uzielli bt Dobson, 6 and 4.

EQUESTRIANISM

European places at stake for the top British juniors

By a Special Correspondent

A TOTAL of 35 of Britain's best junior riders, aged 16 to 18, were chosen to compete in the national British junior championships at the Poly Peck International Windsor Horse Trials in the Great Park this weekend.

A long list for the British team to tackle the European junior championships in France in September will be announced at the end of the competition tomorrow and their final trial will be held at Everdon Horse Trials on August 14 in Northants.

Halfway through the dressage yesterday, Justin Shakerley, aged 18, from Cornwall, took the lead with his 11-year-old Mundy's Gorse, named after a good hunting cover. Shakerley intends to make a successful go of his first and last chance in these championships after spending six months training with Annabell Scrimgeour in Wiltshire.

He said after competing determinedly in his first three-day event, with the horse bought from Jenny Salt in Leicestershire last September: "The course is exciting and we will really have to swing on and ride it, as we are both fairly laid back."

Three further major three-day event competitions are running concurrently at Windsor, with the last horse due to go cross-country at 6.30pm tonight on today's testing [illegible]-mile, 26-fence cross-country [illegible] an overall distance [illegible] 20 kilometres, where the juniors will be the first to blaze the trail.

Mary Thomson lies well up with the Legislator after an excellent dressage performance, but has had to withdraw King James due to a cut leg. Ginny Leng was well pleased with her two inexperienced horses and the rest of the world championship's shortlisted riders, Karen Straker, Rodney Powell and Sarah Cotton are also well placed.

ATHLETICS

Faulkner's chance to reach a record

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S first international match of the season will be held at Southampton tomorrow in a new brand of fixture designed to focus attention on the field events. Although the track will be busy with a men's competition between the Southern and Midland areas, the greater talent will be on show in the jumps and throws international for men and women.

Hungary, West Germany, Italy and Britain compete in the throws; the jumps pit the host nation against Italy and an international select team. Britain are without the services of their best field-eventers — Steve Backley, Fatima Whitbread and Dalton Grant among them — which means that all eyes will be on Stewart Faulkner in the long jump. Faulkner has set as his target this summer a long overdue British record.

The 8.23 metres jumped by Lynn Davies, 21 years ago, eight months before Faulkner was born, still stands. Faulkner, third in the World Cup last year and with a best of 8.14 metres, said of the season ahead: "I'm looking for 8.30m or 8.40m." James Morris, of the United States, who has achieved 8.03 metres, could help push Faulkner in the right direction tomorrow.

From a home point of view, the pole vault should be worth watching. Mike Edwards, with a good early-season vault of 5.55 metres to his credit, takes on two Frenchmen of similar ability.

CRICKET

Marshall stirs a memory as Hampshire fight to finish

By John Woodcock

FAR from needing every sort of contrivance, as was so confidently forecast in this column yesterday morning, the match between Hampshire and Essex provided a natural and quite good last day. There was a time in the morning when Essex were faced with defeat and in the evening when Hampshire were under pressure.

Having bowled Essex out for 210, Hampshire were left with a minimum of 58 overs in which to make 266 to win. With Marshall coming in at No. 5 and Nicholas still recovering from a bout of malaria, a lot depended on their getting a good start, and against Andrew and Foster this was difficult. It was an occasion for Robin Smith to come and assert himself, and he was engaged elsewhere.

By tea, after 20 overs, Hampshire were 58 for two. Terry was first to go, neatly caught at slip, and Middleton needs more time than he had to get himself going. When, at 59, Christopher Smith, jumping out to drive Childs, was hopelessly stranded, Essex could see the chance of a second victory within four days. At the start of the last 20 overs Hampshire were 97 for four.

The morning session had been an unusually good one. After starting at 78 for two, the equivalent of 78 for three, Stephenson being hors de combat, Essex were soon 86 for five, Topley, the nightwatchman, having survived, but Waugh, Shahid and Seymour all being out. Waugh was first to go, very well caught at slip by Maru off rather an inattentive slash. Shahid and Seymour, both 21, were then put through the hoop by Marshall in a way they are unlikely to forget.

It had been happening in Essex's first innings, in fact, when Hardie declared. Now, bowling as fast and well as he would have done in his prime, Marshall seemed to be no more than a blur to them — and they are both highly-talented young batsmen. Shahid was bowled, playing no stroke, and Seymour caught at the wicket when at last he got an edge to one. They have a better idea now of what it has been like batting for England against West Indies in recent years.

It was another 50 minutes, though, before Hampshire managed to account for Topley, by when Marshall had withdrawn and Garnham was playing like an old-fashioned amateur. This is intended as a compliment to Garnham, with his nimble footwork to the spinners, his grip high up the handle and eager running between the wickets. But that Marshall failed to dispose of Topley suggested the straight yorker is more elusive than it was.

So, with Foster showing a steady defence and quite a range of strokes, Essex were 174 for six at lunch, with the game back on an even keel. Foster was run out afterwards, a shade too soon for Essex's comfort, though in the event it was probably as well. The equation was already just about right.

ESSEX: First Innings 318 for 4 dec (B R Hardie 128, M E Waugh 126).

Second Innings

*B R Hardie c Parks b Maru	31
J P Stephenson retired hurt	4
P J Prichard b Connor	4
M E Waugh c Maru b Shine	39
T D Topley c Parks b Shine	22
N Shahid b Marshall	0
A C Seymour c Parks b Marshall	0
†M A Garnham not out	62
N A Foster b Maru	40
J H Childs c Connor b Maru	0
S J W Andrew c Turner b Maru	0
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1, nb 2)	7
Total	210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-76, 3-81, 4-82, 5-86, 6-128, 7-201, 8-208, 9-210.

BOWLING: Marshall 15-5-18-2; Shine 16-6-52-2; Connor 17-1-71-1; Maru 18.3-2-47-4; Turner 9-3-18-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 280 for 2 dec (C L Smith 128, T C Middleton 104 not out).

Second Innings

V P Terry c Topley b Andrew	12
C L Smith st Garnham b Childs	31
T C Middleton b Childs	11
*M C J Nicholas not out	32
M D Marshall b Foster	9
R J Scott not out	7
Total (4 wkts)	102

†R J Parks, R J Maru, I J Turner, C A Connor and K J Shine did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-42, 3-59, 4-[illegible].

BOWLING: Foster 15-4-33-1; Andrew 13-4-42-1. Childs 17-10-24-2; Topley 2-0-3-0.

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

Cautious Benson hedges his bets

By Richard Streeton

GLAMORGAN lost Morris and Richards with only 87 on the board at Swansea yesterday as they set out to make 321 in 53 overs to beat Kent. Davis, the left-arm spinner, held a right-handed, return catch to send back Morris, then had Richards held at extra cover.

It could not have been easy for Benson, the acting Kent captain, to judge the timing of his declaration. Apart from occasional slow turn there were few signs of wear on a docile pitch, and the potential threat from Richards also had to be borne in mind.

The Kent innings was finally closed 20 minutes after lunch, following a hectic period when Graham Cowdrey and Fleming punished the occasional bowlers, Cann and Cottey, for 69 runs in six overs. Cowdrey, with straight drives, twice hit the off-spinner, Cann, for sixes in one over. One massive blow landed on the roof of the rugby grandstand and rolled into the street outside. Cowdrey also hit nine fours as he made 80 not out in 90 balls.

Before this rousing finish, Benson had been the only batsman to prosper during an uneventful morning period.

Kent have lacked a positive approach in the match, something illustrated initially by their slow batting on the first day. Then, on Thursday, after Glamorgan had shown the way with fast runs, Kent sent Davis in as a nightwatchman with half an hour still to go.

It was a poor response to Glamorgan's gesture of declaring behind. Davis was never going to score quickly, and by lingering a further 45 minutes yesterday before he was run out, he did little to help Kent's cause or to keep the game alive.

Ward was bowled behind his legs as he tried to sweep Cowley, while Benson was fourth out at 132, missing a century by four runs. He attempted to square-drive the left-arm bowler, Dennis, and Morris took a spectacular two-handed catch as he dived to his left at deep gully. Benson straight-drove a six off Cowley and also hit 12 fours during his 2¼-hour innings.

Glamorgan had arranged to fly to Colwyn Bay after the match for their Bank Holiday weekend matches against Lancashire, the first time county cricket has been staged at the North Wales coastal town since 1974. It saved the players an awkward 180-mile trip by road which would have taken them five hours.

Glamorgan secured sponsorship from BWOC Financial Services to cover the cost of the air journey in a Piper Chieftan from Swansea to Hawarden. On Tuesday night, the same plane will take the Glamorgan players on to Birmingham in readiness for their Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final match at Worcester on Wednesday.

KENT: First Innings 326 for 4 dec (S G Hinks 107, N R Taylor 106, G R Cowdrey 68 not out; S L Watkin 4 for 77).

Second Innings

*M R Benson c Morris b Dennis	96
S G Hinks c Morris b Dennis	4
R P Davis run out	12
T R Ward b Cowdrey	7
G R Cowdrey not out	80
M V Fleming not out	45
Extras (b 1, lb 2)	3
Total (4 wkts dec)	247

N R Taylor, †S A Marsh, M A Ealham, C Penn and P S de Villiers did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-92, 3-112, 4-132.

BOWLING: Watkin 10-1-27-0; Dennis 12-0-53-2; Cowley 22-4-67-1; Barwick 8-3-18-0. Cann 6-0-56-0. Cottey 3-0-23-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 255 for no wicket dec (A R Butcher 151 not out, H Morris 100 not out).

Second Innings

*A R Butcher b Davis	50
H Morris c and b Davis	29
I V A Richards c Cowdrey b Davis	21
M J Cann c Fleming b Davis	10
P A Cottey c sub b Ward	21
I Smith not out	10
Extras	8
Total (5 wkts)	149

H G Cowley, †C P Metson, S J Dennis, S L Watkin and S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-87, 3-108, 4-138, 5-145.

Umpires: J H Harris and P B Wight.

Derbyshire pair hammer a record against Yorkshire

By Jack Bailey

A PARTNERSHIP of 249 for the second wicket between Barnett and Roberts, scored at well over four runs an over, not only set a Derbyshire record for any wicket against Yorkshire, but enabled Derbyshire to set their neighbours a fourth-innings task of scoring 307 to win from 72 overs at Chesterfield. More to the point, it meant that Derbyshire were left with adequate time to bowl them out.

Barnett and Roberts swept past the previous best — 242 by Wright and Anderson at Derby in 1982 — at a time when records were of secondary importance to a quick chase for runs and a real chance of going to the head of the championship table.

In setting the scene for the final act, Barnett could not have planned things better. Nor could he have played a greater part in the events which led to his declaration on the stroke of lunch.

He moved gently beyond his own century, gathering the seven runs required inside four overs. Then he launched himself at the Yorkshire bowling. Such is his style on these occasions that the bowler constantly has to adjust line and length; for Barnett is adept at moving to his chosen place just before the ball is delivered and smacking it to where the fancy takes him.

Yorkshire made matters easier by employing their seamers while Berry, their tidy off-spinner, languished in the wings. But even so, it was a high class display of cudgelry which brought Barnett a further 41 runs before he skied the ball to deep mid-wicket. His 141 came from just 150 balls.

He found the boundary 22 times with a range of blows in front of the wicket and he established a position of dominance for his team.

He was most ably aided in all this by Roberts, who reached his own century just before Barnett left him. His was an innings of considerable merit in its own right, overshadowed though it was by Barnett's pyrotechnics.

Roberts was still there at the declaration, having batted for 3½ hours for his undefeated 124 and having taken 16 fours from a Yorkshire attack which was by now thoroughly demoralized.

It was not long before Yorkshire's batsmen were also on the receiving end. The sharp and menacing Bishop had Metcalfe taken at third slip, Moxon drove at a wide ball from Warner; and after a brief respite, Miller came on to account for Blakey and Robinson. With four wickets down, Yorkshire were far from home and wandering.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 317 (K J Barnett 50, S J Base 56).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Blakey b Hartley	141
J E Morris c Blakey b Fletcher	5
B Roberts not out	124
A E Warner c Blakey b Hartley	10
C J Adams c Metcalfe b Byas	10
S C Goldsmith c Moxon b Byas	8
S J Base c Robinson b Byas	7
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 3, nb 3)	16
Total (6 wkts dec)	321

P D Bowler, †K M Krikken, G Miller and I R Bishop did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-258, 3-272, 4-282, 5-308, 6-321.

BOWLING: Jarvis 12-0-59-0; Fletcher 14-1-100-1; Hartley 14-0-74-2; Berry 9-2-32-0; Byas 11-1-55-3.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings (P J Hartley 75, D Byas 67; I R Bishop 4 for 62).

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c Krikken b Warner	18
A A Metcalfe c Roberts b Bishop	6
R J Blakey c Goldsmith b Miller	26
S A Kellett lbw b Miller	55
P E Robinson lbw b Miller	1
†D L Bairstow b Miller	21
D Byas c Goldsmith b Bishop	6
P J Hartley not out	8
P W Jarvis not out	1
Extras	11
Total (7 wkts)	148

P J Berry and S D Fletcher to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-28, 3-78, 4-82, 5-114, 6-135, 7-141.

Umpires: P J Eele and A A Jones.

Impetuous Broad run out first ball

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Nottinghamshire, set 341 in a minimum of 70 overs to beat Northamptonshire at Trent Bridge and stay at the head of the county championship table, made the worst possible start when Chris Broad was run out off the first ball of the innings.

Broad asked for trouble because the fielder he tried to outpace was Tony Penberthy who has plagued Nottinghamshire throughout the match. Tim Robinson revived Nottinghamshire's hopes with a half-century from only 58 balls before falling to Winston Davis after a second wicket stand of 95 with Duncan Martindale.

Neil Lenham, who batted for 52 over for 51 in the first innings, was again in defiant mood at Taunton where Sussex looked to be winning their battle to save the match against Somerset after being forced to follow on 187 behind.

Nick Speak and Graham Lloyd, Lancashire's reserve openers, shared their second century stand of the match against the Zimbabweans at Old Trafford, the first time this has been achieved for the county since 1963. Two other young players, Steve Titchard and John Crawley, contributed handsomely

Adhesive pair end Surrey's advance

By Ivo Tennant

WHERE the Middlesex strokemakers failed, the more adhesive of their batsmen triumphed. Half-centuries from Keith Brown and Paul Downton ensured that a match which Surrey were winning at midday finished drawn.

Since Surrey were without Gray, who has another strain of one sort or another, it was greatly to their credit that the match was a close run thing. If they were to win, they had to have Middlesex out by tea and, in the event, there were three wickets still standing.

Resuming 32 runs to the good, Middlesex were never in a position to collude with Surrey over a declaration. This was always likely to be the case and became inevitable when Gatting was out early in the day, shortly after executing a swivelled six off Murphy which suggested bigger things to come.

A word here on a different kind of movement behind the arm. Three times play was stopped in the first ten minutes of the day through the follow through of a fast yellow crane which was towering over the sightscreen. Since Gatting and Emburey were at the crease at the time, it must be assumed that any batsman's concentration would have been impaired. But what can be done about it if the Compton and Edrich stands are ever to be finished?

From that same Nursery End, Bicknell dismissed both Gatting and Emburey shortly afterwards, one caught at third slip, the other half forward as his off stump was flattened.

At this point Bicknell had an analysis of 10-8-3-3.

Had he found any more like the ball which had cut across Haynes the previous evening, Surrey would in all probability have won. Yet Brown counterpoints the Middlesex strokemakers in a way that they must be wondering how he was not a regular member of their side before this season.

Now, he made a half-century in 127 minutes with seven fours, losing Ramprakash along the way. No sooner had he exchanged his helmet for the county cap he was awarded only a few weeks ago than he prodded a catch back to Medlycott.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 310 (M A Roseberry 122; K T Medlycott 4 for 91).

Second Innings

D L Haynes b Bicknell	0
M A Roseberry c Ward b Murphy	0
J E Emburey b Bicknell	17
*M W Gatting c Medlycott b Bicknell	13
M R Ramprakash b Medlycott	10
K R Brown c and b Medlycott	56
†P R Downton st Ward b Kendrick	55
N F Williams c Kendrick b Medlycott	18
S P Hughes not out	23
N G Cowans c Bicknell b Kendrick	5
P C R Tufnell b Medlycott	1
Extras (b 16, lb 8, nb 2)	26
Total	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-24, 4-31, 5-85, 6-137, 7-167, 8-201, 9-221.

BOWLING: Bicknell 25-14-25-3; Murphy 25-7-75-1; Medlycott 32-14-65-4; Greig 3-0-8-0; Kendrick 14-4-23-2; Alikhan 1-1-0-0.

SURREY: First Innings 286 for 7 dec (N M Kendrick 52 not out).

Second Innings

R I Alikhan not out	0
P D Atkins not out	0
Total (no wkts)	0

G P Thorpe, †D M Ward, M A Lynch, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M P Bicknell, N M Kendrick, A H Gray and A J Murphy did not bat.

BOWLING: Haynes 3-3-0-0; Tufnell 2-2-0-0.

Umpires: K J Lyons and R A White.

Simmons hurt as he sleeps

By Michael Austin

MARK Simmons, the Berkshire captain, may have to miss their match against Oxfordshire, the Minor County champions, which starts tomorrow at Kidmore End. Simmons suffered a trapped nerve while sleeping, and aggravated the problem during fielding practice two days ago, a poignant aftermath to his innings of 95 not out in the game against Wiltshire at Reading School last Sunday.

Berkshire have been the western division runners-up in each of the past three seasons and in the final analysis the drawn match with Oxfordshire cost them the title last year.

Simmons said: "We had Oxfordshire struggling at 43 for seven in their second innings. They salvaged a draw, we took one point instead of 10, and at the end of the season we finished only two points behind them.

"Much has been said about Oxfordshire's emphasis on a home-grown team, but we have a similar policy, with a family atmosphere, and are especially looking forward to the Holt Cup match against Buckinghamshire on Sunday week."

Peter Lewington, the Berkshire and former Warwickshire off spinner, who has recovered from a persistent back injury, should know every inch of the turf at Wellington College, where the cup game is being staged: he is the groundsman and cricket professional there.

Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Suffolk embark on two-match northern tours, and Hertfordshire's game against Northumberland, starting tomorrow at Jesmond, gives the opposing captains, Younger and Surridge, an early test of initiative now new regulations are in force.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON (second day of three): Somerset (7pts) drew with Sussex (4)

SOMERSET: First Innings 500 for 5 dec (S J Cook 197, A N Hayhurst 170, R J Harden 51).

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Roebuck	51
J W Hall lbw b Mallender	6
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Rose	0
A P Wells c Burns b Roebuck	18
M P Speight c Rose b Lefebvre	73
*C M Wells not out	99
I J Gould c sub b Rose	30
†P Moores b Rose	1
A C S Pigott c Rose b Swallow	2
I D K Salisbury c Harden b Jones	5
A M Babington c Burns b Jones	8
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 14)	20
Total	313

Score at 100 overs: 280 for 8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-30, 3-84, 4-108, 5-206, 6-268, 7-270, 8-277, 9-291

BOWLING: Jones 18.5-1-71-2, Mallender 16-5-21-1; Swallow 24-8-62-1, Rose 17-4-52-3; Roebuck 21-4-63-2; Lefebvre 18-4-38-1.

Second Innings

N J Lenham run out	108
J W Hall c Tavaré b Jones	1
A I C Dodemaide b Lefebvre	20
A P Wells b Mallender	23
M P Speight not out	63
*C M Wells not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 3)	15
Total (4 wkts dec)	256

†J Gould, †P Moores, A C S Pigott, I D K Salisbury and A M Babington to bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-4, 2-45, 3-107, 4-219.

BOWLING: Jones 8-5-11-1; Rose 8-2-21-0; Lefebvre 12-2-33-1; Mallender 13-2-24-1; Swallow 14-4-28-0, Roebuck 12-1-38-0; Harden 11-1-43-0; Hayhurst 5-0-22-0; Tavaré 3-0-12-0: Cook 2-0-12-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D S Thompsett.

Lancs v Zimbabweans

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of three): Lancashire drew with the Zimbabweans

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 328 dec (N J Speak 138, G D Lloyd 78).

Second Innings

N J Speak c sub b Duers	74
G D Lloyd c Flower b Shah	78
S P Titchard b Flower	80
J P Crawley not out	78
Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total (3 wkts dec)	310

R Irani, Wasim Akram, I D Austin, G Yates, I Folley, P J Martin and *J Stanworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-133, 2-165, 3-310.

BOWLING: Dube 4-1-18-0; Duers 20-4-59-1. Traicos 27-4-69-0, Butchart 5-1-27-0, Dolphin 2-0-19-0, Shah 11-1-46-1; Flower 13.5-0-68-1.

ZIMBABWEANS: First Innings 376 for 6 dec (C M Robertson 125, I P Butchart 71, G W Flower 65, A J Pycroft 55).

Second Innings

G W Flower not out	20
K J Arnott lbw b Irani	2
†W R James lbw b Folley	52
C M Robertson not out	0
Extras (w 2, nb 2)	4
Total (2 wkts)	78

D F Dolphin, I P Butchart, *A J Pycroft, A Shah, A J Traicos, K J Duers and L E Dube did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-76.

BOWLING Irani 7-4-12-1; Austin 8-4-10-0; Yates 11-3-26-0; Folley 11-3-30-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and D O Oslear.

Oxford Univ v Leics

THE PARKS (second day of three): Oxford University drew with Leicestershire

OXFORD UNIVERSITY. First Innings 179 (G J Turner 51, M A Crawley 50; D J Millns 5 for 47).

Second Innings

D A Hagan c Parsons b Ferris	8
*R E Morris c Whitaker b Ferris	11
D Curtis c Benson b Willey	19
G J Turner lbw b Gidley	9
M A Crawley not out	105
P S Gerrans lbw b Johnson	22
W M van de Merwe not out	39
Extras (lb 7, nb 1)	8
Total (5 wkts)	219

S Chauhan, M Russell, H R Davies and †J E McGrady did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-16, 2-17, 3-33, 4-71, 5-138.

BOWLING: Millns 20-8-47-1: Ferris 17-7-33-2, Parsons 15-6-35-0; Gidley 19-8-54-1; Willey 22-8-29-1, Boon 3-0-14-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE. First Innings

J D R Benson b Van de Merwe	94
P Willey b Chauhan	177
B F Smith lbw b Crawley	4
J J Whitaker not out	124
†P A Nixon not out	16
Extras (b 12, lb 10, w 5, nb 5)	32
Total (3 wkts dec)	447

T J Boon, *N E Briers, G J Parsons, M I Gidley, D J Millns and G J F Ferris did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-165, 2-189, 3-380.

BOWLING: Van de Merwe 16-1-52-1; Gerrans 19-3-73-0, Crawley 19-4-50-1; Turner 21-3-72-0; Davies 20-1-112-0; Chauhan 15-1-58-1; Curtis 1-0-8-0.

Umpires: R Palmer and H J Rhodes.

Camb Univ v Gloucs

FENNER'S (second day of three): Gloucestershire beat Cambridge University by 70 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 252 for 4 dec (I P Butcher 79, J W Lloyds 73 not out, P Bainbridge 61, G D Hodgson 51).

Second Innings

*A J Wright run out	58
P W Romaines c Atkinson b Buzza	85
†G A Tedstone c Morris b Buzza	23
G D Hodgson not out	39
I P Butcher b Jenkins	8
J W Lloyds not out	2
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 1)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	230

P Bainbridge, M W Pooley, S N Barnes, M C J Ball and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-103, 2-179, 3-196, 4-220.

BOWLING: Jenkins 23.3-3-88-1; Johnson 13-5-25-0; Shuttleborham 11-3-37-0; Buzza 20-1-91-2; Lowrey 2-0-8-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 314 for 8 dec (S P James 118, J C M Atkinson 72; S N Barnes 4 for 65).

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Jarvis	6
R Heap c Wright b Barnes	0
G B A Dyer c Tedstone b James	4
*J C M Atkinson b Ball	34
M L Lowrey run out	45
M J Morris lbw b Bainbridge	17
†J P Ansorge not out	43
D H Shuttleborham c Tedstone b Barnes	29
A J Buzza b Barnes	1
R A J Jenkins c/Butcher b Barnes	1
S W Johnson c/Wright b Ball	1
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 1, nb 4)	18
Total	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-12, 3-13, 4-81, 5-118, 6-121, 7-173, 8-184, 9-186.

BOWLING: Barnes 14-2-51-4; Jarvis 7-0-31-2; Pooley 4-0-18-0; Ball 13-4-37-2; Lloyds 17-2-24-0; Bainbridge 8-3-27-1.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R C Tolchard.

Notts v Northants

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of three): Nottinghamshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 85 runs behind Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 325 (A L Penberthy 57 not out, R J Bailey 55, D Ripley 55).

Second Innings

A Fordham c French b Pick	74
N A Felton not out	119
*R J Bailey not out	54
Extras (lb 6, lb 11, nb 1)	18
Total (1 wkts dec)	265

G Cook, D J Capel, A L Penberthy, J G Thomas, †D Ripley, W W Davis, A R Roberts and J W Govern did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-147.

BOWLING: Pick 17-4-40-1; Cooper 22-1-59-0; Stephenson 13-0-52-0; Afford 17-4-74-0; Saxelby 5-1-23-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 250.

Second Innings

B C Broad run out	0
D J R Martindale not out	92
*R T Robinson lbw b Davis	56
P Johnson not out	107
Extras	15
Total (2 wkts)	260

D W Randall, M Saxelby, F D Stephenson, †B N French, K E Cooper, R A Pick and J A Afford to out.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-95.

Umpires: J W Holder and A G T Whitehead.

Athey doubt

Bill Athey, the Gloucestershire batsman, faces a fitness test on a badly bruised left foot, an injury he has carried since a Benson and Hedges qualifier against Warwickshire at Bristol, before his side's game against Middlesex at Lord's today.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Western: Derbyshire 228 (G T Headley 110; M G Field-Buss 4-17) and 192 (Field-Buss 5-57); Nottinghamshire 447-7 dec (S M Brogan 135, C W Scott 96). Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 39 runs.

GUERNSEY: European tournament: Group X: France 125-9, Guernsey 130-1 (P Vidamour 58 not out); Greece 145-9, Malta 108-9; Luxembourg 144-6, Austria 148-3. France 209-4 (S Hewitt 53), Austria 172-4 (A Khan 80 not out); Guernsey 218-5 (R Vaillard 112), Germany 116-8 (F Steinam 53 not out). Group Y: Belgium 216-7 (P Ryan 59, A Critchley 58; L Rivero 5-22), Spain 142-9 (J Seddon 4-30); Malta 176-5, Spain 148-3; Switzerland 137-7, Belgium 138-5.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Kingston 183-8, St Benedicts 154-8, Stragglers and Asia 172 (E Barrett 7-13), Eastbourne College 176-3; Watford GS 183-8, John Lyon 136-5.

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England squad receives a distinguished send-off for their World Cup campaign

Robson plays the diplomat

From STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
CAGLIARI, SARDINIA

BOBBY Robson, leaving behind the shambles that have enveloped him over the past few days, arrived here yesterday to state a different case. Having explained the reasons behind his impending departure, the England manager played the role more of a visiting diplomat for the sake of the local media.

"This is a very important part of my life," he said, as he was surrounded by excitable photographers and reporters. "I've come here to try to win the World Cup and I will give that every single moment of my attention. This is a very big tournament and that is all we want to concentrate on."

He has been distracted from the moment he learned, through a telephone call from here on Wednesday night, that his intentions were to be revealed prematurely.

Including the defeat by Uruguay, which broke England's prolonged unbeaten run, this week has been overflowing with complications, disruptions, accusations and ill feeling.

Robson appeared to be relieved that his domestic ordeal was over but his fortunes have yet to turn. The chartered Boeing 737, bearing the legend of Sir Stanley Matthews on its side, was 45 minutes late when it landed on the sun-baked tarmac, and the pilot left behind the official reception committee.

A long queue, formed by members of the World Cup organizing committee, local dignitaries and hostesses, had to trot 50 yards in undignified fashion to be in place. At least they would have been if the cabin door had opened on the side where they were standing.

Instead, to the particular dismay of the photographers, the England team disembarked hidden from view. The officials, the players and their wives could be glimpsed only briefly as they strolled behind the plane to the three luxurious coaches which had been parked for their convenience a few yards away.

The welcome was subdued. Apart from a handful of curious passers-by, only one English supporter was visible. He stood out principally because of his shaved head, several gold earrings flashing in his ears and a tattoo, heralding the names of Colin and Jill, on an arm.

Security was more evident but only because there were representatives from five different forces milling around on the tarmac. Of the contingent of 3,500 riot policemen drafted on to the island for the forthcoming month, fewer than half a dozen were present. Trouble, clearly, was not expected.

Nor did Bobby Robson forsee a hostile reception, either. He was prepared to hold a brief conference in the foyer of the airport, and to wait patiently while his responses were translated, before leaving with the party for the Is Morus hotel, situated on the coast half an hour to the south of the capital city.

"We want to be the people's team," he said. "We want to be the team which Sardinia supports. Everybody here has been very co-operative and they have done everything for us they can. I'm sure our stay here will be pleasurable and happy and, naturally, we hope it will be successful as well."

Yet there is already a cloud on the horizon. Both of the practice games, scheduled for Tuesday and a week later, are in doubt. Cagliari, the first opponents, who have won promotion from the second division, are playing tomorrow and have yet to confirm they will be available two days later.

Torres, chosen because the town is in the north end of the island, are no more certain to welcome their fixture. They are on the edge of being relegated from the third division and may prefer to keep their minds on their potentially ignominious fate.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Meeting the master: Bobby Robson, the England manager, chats with Sir Stanley Matthews, the legendary former international, who wished the England party well before it flew off for the World Cup yesterday

YACHTING

Race jury will not penalize cruiser

By BARRY PICKTHALL

A WELCOME return of wind yesterday helped speed Creighton's Naturally across the finish line at Southampton to win the cruiser division of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Finishing at noon, the British cruiser, skippered by John Chittenden — and from which Tony Philips, a cousin of Mark Philips, drowned after falling overboard during the second stage of the 33,000-mile race — was the easy winner, ahead of With Integrity, which was still 700 miles from home.

The previous night saw the arrival of Liverpool Enterprise, the Bob Salmon entry which had been caught on calms for the previous three days. Waiting for them was Andrew Dibsdall, who had been air-lifted from the yacht last week. It proved a false alarm, and after a check-up in Cork Regional Hospital Dibsdall, aged 27, was allowed home.

Last night the jury, which had been expected to alter their elapsed time to compensate for the period that the Enterprise crew motored during the emergency, agreed not to penalize the yacht, saying that they were satisfied that the crew had gained no advantage.

As the crews took stock of their adventure, the Russian team on Fazisi were already busily planning for a new entry in the next race, in 1993. Vladislav Murnikov, Fazisi's designer and project manager, said yesterday that far from being disillusioned by the experience, he hoped to find sponsorship for a joint Russian-American entry. "We learned many lessons. By the time we reached Auckland we had no money at all and have relied on public support for the rest of the way," Murnikov said.

This novel but pennyless entry, which had to undergo considerable modifications during the week before the start, captured the public's imagination after Pepsi Cola withdrew its support last September. "We raised about NZ $200,000 during the month in Auckland and another US $85,000 in Fort Lauderdale which gave us the money to buy new sails," Murnikov said.

Now he plans to take his distinctive design, which began the race as the 100-1 outsider, back to the US next month on a fund-raising tour

Still at sea, Tracy Edwards and her hungry all-women crew on Maiden were treated to a meal of baked beans and tuna fish last night after running out of food on Wednesday. "We came across the two tins this morning in the bottom of the boat," she reported.

RESULTS: 25.5.90.Leg Six: Fort Lauderdale to Southampton: Maxi division: 1, Steinlager 2 (P Blake,NZ), 17days 00hours 23mins; 2, Fisher & Paykel (G Dalton, NZ), 17:00:23; 3,Merit (P Fehlmann, Switz), 17:02:43; 4, Rothmans (L Smith, GB), 17:12:50; 5, TheCard (R Nilson, Swe), 17:18:07; 6, Belmont Finland (H Hankino, Fin), 17:20:35; 7,Fortuna (J Sansana, Sp), 17:21:44; 8, Fazisi (V Alexeev, USSR), 18:04:21; 9, UBF-Finland (L Ingvall, Fin), 18:05:08; 10, NCB Ireland (J English, Ire), 18:13:29;11, Gatorade (J Herve, It), 18:15:44; 12, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr),18:16:01; 13, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 19:03:45;Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauta, Neth), 18:10:08. Cruiser division: Creighons Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 19:19:04. Overall: 1, Steinlager 2, 128:09:40; 2, Fisher & Paykel, 129:21:18; 3, Merit,130:10:10; 4, Rothmans, 131:04:54; 5, The Card, 135:07:15; 6, Charles Jourdan,136:15:14; 7, Fortuna, 137:08:14; 8, Gatorade, 138:14:30; 9, UBF Finland, 138:16:38; 10, Belmont Finland, 139:04:37; 11, Fazisi, 139:09:01; 12, NCB Ireland, 139:19:22; 14 (estimate), Liverpool Enterprise, 151:04:52. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law, 148:23:50. Cruiser division: 1, Creightons Naturally, 162:08:34. Other positions (at 14:46 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): Maxi division: Satiquote British Defender (Cdr C Watkins, GB), 356; Division 2: 1, L'Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarly, Fr), 284; 2, Schussel von Bremen (Müller-Röhlk, WG), 305; 3, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois, Bel), 324; 4, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 343; 5, La Poste (B Malle, Fr), 356. Cruiser division: 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB)796.

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Football when free of the English disease

By JOHN WILLIAMS

A researcher into the behaviour of football crowds

Vienna

THE largely disappointing European Cup final was not the match most football supporters — even those from Milan — wanted to see. Despite the guile of Valdo, Benfica are not an outstanding side. They relied for their appearance here on the eccentricities of a Belgian referee in their semi-final against the luckless Marseilles. But, more than this, even the victorious Milan know that their test this year and last — when they were also *campioni* — was limited by criteria other than the undoubted quality of their football.

It is important, of course, not to overstress the levels of this unease. With wage bills and egos of almost equal proportions to satisfy, any tears shed in Silvio Berlusconi's office after Wednesday are likely to be of the crocodile variety. Nevertheless, nagging doubts and questions remain.

Italian success in European football has coincided not only with a spending spree which has brought many of the world's best players to the first division but also with the forced exclusion of the previously dominant English. Clubs like Liverpool may not beat the present Milan team but it would be nice to find out. We can't, of course, because while the continent may want our football, few of its cities, even now, want our supporters.

Hosting the final of any major European football tournament those days remains a lucrative and prestigious affair. But it is also an increasingly costly and potentially hazardous undertaking.

UEFA officials and Belgian administrators face criminal charges after the deaths at the Heysel Stadium before the final of 1985. Alfred Ludwig, the general secretary of the Austrian Football Federation, says "neutral" Vienna has agreed to stage two of the last four European Cup finals for the "honour" rather than for the money. But he also agrees that such are the security problems now involved that the city is unlikely to stage another.

The influential newspaper *Die Presse* was more forthright and more specific on Wednesday morning. It agreed that accommodating up to 50,000 southern European football fanatics was no problem to the Viennese, but that ("God forbid") should an *English* club qualify for future finals, a lot would have have to be done to prevent a catastrophe. "Hooligans from Liverpool," the comment concluded, "now, that's brutality!"

Security for Wednesday's match was predictably, and routinely, extensive. Two thousand police and private security staff covered the match, including officers from Italy and Portugal; more were on stand by. Forty thousand leaflets were distributed to supporters appealing for good behaviour. Italians on Praterstern and the central Stephansplatz happily wore the *No Alla Violenza* hats specially prepared for the occasion, while, before the game, followers of both clubs mingled easily around the funfair and gardens near the modernized and impressive Prater Stadium.

Women, particularly young women, were *prominent*, especially in the ranks of the Italians, which also accommodated less affluent "city boys" along with the power-dressed couples from the wealthy Milanese suburbs.

Supporters from Lisbon were poorer, perhaps older, and certainly less effusive and confident than those from northern Italy. They were also respectful and friendly, and when their club was finally defeated they left for home with peaceful dignity.

Astonishingly, to English eyes at least, drink in bottles and cans was freely available all around the Prater. No one seemed drunk or especially interested in moving in that direction. None of the nearby bars was full, an unimaginable prospect with the English in town.

Instead, the biggest problem before the game seemed likely to be lack of tickets. Forgeries had, reportedly, surfaced in Italy and some local newspapers predicted 20,000 Milanese would arrive ticketless, a prospect which had the local organizers hurriedly arranging open air video coverage of the match in a place near the ground. Outside the Prater, single tickets were changing hands for up to 5,000 Austrian shillings (about £250). The sellers were Portuguese; the purchasers usually, heatedly, Italian.

Inside the Prater, segregation between rival supporters in the 57,000 crowd was down, in some parts, to a line of Austrian police officers. (Shades of Heysel.) There were no problems — indeed the police here reported no arrests. The Ultras of San Siro's Curva Sud arranged their usual, dramatic pre-match firework display, and young fanatics — as well as older men and women — found common cause in the skull-and-crossbones tee-shirts of *Possa dei Leoni* and *Brigate Rossenere*. The Ultras provide the kind of semi-formalised but independent club attachment demonstrably lacking for "street" teenagers in England.

Interestingly, too, there seemed little of the peculiarly nationalist cause among the Milanese that seems to surface even among some English club followers abroad. A banner unfurled by the Curva Sud, for example, urged Milan to "Win it for us and not for Italy", while, perhaps as a pointed joke aimed at the *absurd and narrow decision of* British television not to show the match live, the Italians also produced a range of huge flags carrying names of capital cities from around the world. Many Milan supporters also wore the orange of the Netherlands in deference to their present trio of Dutch World Cup players and as an important new example of cross-national forms of football identity.

Milan won this one, of course, and Vienna survived a noisy night which later had some loudly drunken tomfoolery.

There *were* young men here from Italy — the "hard core" in their English T-shirts, shades and "ragamuffin" guises — who can, and will, look after themselves with vigour should the need arise. They showed their violent displeasure at Verona recently and the Italian domestic football scene is certainly not short of dangerously violent excess. Indeed, anyone who has visited major cities in Italy recently and also knows something about English supporters will fear for trouble on the mainland should England survive the football and public order trials of Sardinia in the World Cup finals.

However, we still have much to do to get ourselves inserted peacefully back into the international football order. Shops and bars have not been looted in Vienna or pretty much anywhere else over the past five years by football supporters visiting from other countries. (People from Milan, stealing?). And now we are targets who do tend to bring the worst out of our opponents, as well as, frequently, out of ourselves. But we didn't always behave badly. Remember Everton fans in Rotterdam? That, too, was in 1985.

In 1963 — a different age — England hosted the European Cup final which was also between *AC Milan* and *Benfica*. It may be hard to think about doing that now, even when we get back into European football. Some of our cities may prove pretty inhospitable to young football fanatics from the continent. And our stadiums?

The Prater, located in a luscious sports park, was built in the late 1920's by the Social Democratic City Council as a people's sporting arena. It was totally refurbished and re-roofed in the mid 1980's. It looks, and feels, completely modern. It is publicly owned and is a source of enormous local pride. Every seat and standing place in the ground provides a perfect view. We could learn from that, too.

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Charlton attacks Robson pressure

From CLIVE WHITE IZMIR, TURKEY

THE Republic of Ireland flew out of Dublin yesterday to prepare for the World Cup finals, depriving Jack Charlton, their manager, of another couple of days fishing salmon in the west of Ireland.

Stories, no matter how tall, of how he was applauded by onlookers every time he fished a 9lb salmon out of the Corrib in Galway made a pleasant change to the sordid rumours surrounding the resignation of Bobby Robson as England manager.

Charlton has absolute sympathy for any man encumbered with the position of England manager.

He said that "no one in their right mind" would apply for the post. "Graham Taylor has to be the favourite. He's a young man, and he's done very well. But I don't envy him the task. I certainly would never want it," he said.

Not that the Irish have been without their own strife this week. The difference is that their dispute over the players' financial rewards has remained internal and was settled amicably.

Now the Irish can get on with the job of polishing still further their shiny new reputation as world beaters when they take on Turkey here tomorrow with a full complement of players

The squad suffered an interminable eight hour journey to Izmir, welcomed the 90 degree heat when they trained in the early evening. "That's what we've come for. We've got two weeks here and in Malta to get used to it. It will be hot on Sunday afternoon but that's why we're here and it suits us."

Rovers aim to be third force

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

TRANMERE Rovers, one of Britain's more endearing Cinderella clubs, return to Wembley for the second time in eight days tomorrow, confidently expecting to become the third, footballing force on Merseyside.

After winning the first important honour in the club's history last weekend, when they defeated Bristol Rovers to lift the Leyland DAF Cup, Tranmere will be promoted to the second division for the first time since 1938 if they can overcome Notts County in the third division play-off final.

Victory will complete a remarkable transformation.Three years ago the Birkenhead club were close to extinction. But for the intervention of Peter Johnson, the club chairman, in March of that year, Tranmere would almost certainly have failed in their efforts to prosper in the same area as Everton and Liverpool.

Johnson, a local man, bought a majority shareholding. "When I took over I envisaged a five-year plan which would end with us winning promotion to the second division. Well, we now stand just 90 minutes away from that target and we are two years ahead of schedule," he said.

"I am confident that within the next three years we shall see Tranmere Rovers emerge as the third great footballing force on Merseyside, and I am talking about the first division."

John King, the Tranmere manager, will name the same side which performed so ably last Sunday.

County, the oldest club in the League, will step out at Wembley for the first time in their 128-year history, unbeaten in their last 15 games. But according to Neil Warnock, the manager, Tranmere start as favourites. "They've got the more experienced players and have already been to Wembley twice before," he said.

Having missed out on automatic promotion from the fourth division, Cambridge and Chesterfield make their first appearance at Wembley this afternoon to decide the one third division place which remains vacant.

Managed by Paul Hart, and Chris McMenemy, Hart's assistant and the son of Lawrie, Chesterfield include a player whose career looked to have been curtailed by a back injury earlier this year — John Chiedozie, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Nigerian international winger.

He has a chance to rekindle his career this afternoon where he will operate wide on the right, alongside Calvin Plummer, once of Nottingham Forest, who scored four goals in the two-legged semi-final against Maidstone United.

Suspension deprives Cambridge of Daish, their captain and central defender.

IN BRIEF

Becker is defeated

BORIS Becker's preparations for next week's French Open were ruined by a Spaniard in Düsseldorf yesterday. Jordi Arrese defeated Becker 6-2, 6-1 to help his country to a 2-1 win against West Germany, the World Team Tennis Cup holders.

United States qualified for Sunday's final when they beat the Soviet Union for their third consecutive victory of the round-robin event.

In the swim

Sheffield has won its bid to hold the European swimming championships at the Ponds Forge swimming and leisure complex in 1993. It will be the first time the competition has been held in Britain for 55 years.

Holding signs

The St Helens scrum half, Neil Holding, has signed a new two-year contract to end speculation about his future. The former Great Britain international was linked with Warrington, Widnes and Rochdale Hornets.

Welch in lead

Michael Welch, aged 17, who has been chosen to play for England in the European boy's championship in Iceland in July, took a share of the early lead with a 75 in the Tillman Trophy at Royal Porthcawl yesterday. Also on 75 were Michael Seaton, from Gog Magog, and Eric Richardson, of Rye.

Horses wait

Heavy overnight rain, which continued until mid-morning forced the abandonment of all classes at the Lucerne International Show yesterday. These will now be held this afternoon.

BOWLS

Ayrshire facing up to other unbeaten team

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE quest by Ayrshire for a record eleventh win in the CIS Insurance Counties bowls championship continues at Strathaven today when they play Lanarkshire South, the only other unbeaten team in the south section.

Ayrshire, the leaders of the section, are two points ahead of today's rivals who have a game in hand. An Ayrshire win would almost certainly qualify them for the semi-finals next month. Dumfriesshire, the holders, are in fourth place and have a rest day today.

Stirlingshire, the leaders of the west section, have home advantage for their match with Lanarkshire West, the second-placed team, at Bainsford, while Dumbartonshire, the beaten finalists last year, attempt to recover winning form, after losing to Stirlingshire last week, when they travel to Baillieston to play Glasgow North.

FIXTURES: North section: Aberdeen and Kincardine v Bon Accord (Inverurie); Angus v Dundee (Canmore); Highland v Northern Counties (Huntly). East section: Mid Lothian v Fife (Easthouses); East Lothian v Edinburgh and Leith (Ephinstone); Borders v Lindlithgowshire (Hawick). West section: Glasgow North v Dumbartonshire (Baillieston); Stirlingshire v Lanarkshire West (Bainsford); Renfrewshire West v Clackmannon and Kinross (Grosvenor). South section: Lanarkshire South v Ayrshire (Strathaven); Stewarty v Wigtownshire (New Abbey); Glasgow South v Renfrewshire South (Farme).

GOLF

Milligan aims to impress the selectors

JIM Milligan, the mainstay of Great Britain and Ireland's memorable Walker Cup triumph at Peachtree, will be hoping to go one better than last year when he lines up in the 72-hole St Andrews Links Trophy, which starts today over the old and new courses.

Milligan, of Barassie, was runner-up to Russell Claydon in last year's inaugural event, and with the Great Britain and Ireland team for next month's St Andrews Trophy match at El Saler, Spain, due to be announced soon, the Scot is keen to impress over one of his favourite courses.

However, with players from 12 countries in the field and 57 having handicaps between one and four, Milligan will certainly not have it all his own way.

WATER SKIING

British facing a testing time on water

British competitors will be looking for victory at the Carlsberg European Masters, in Lincoln, this weekend despite strong competition (a Special Correspondent writes).

John Battleday, the reigning tricks and slalom champion, will not take part in the event because of an eye injury. In his absence Pierre Carmin, of France, and his team-mate, Nicholas le Forestier, will be battling with the Soviets for the tricks title.

The slalom competition promises to be closely fought. Massimo Sonzogni, of Italy, Carmin, Yvonne Legall, of France, and the two British skiers, Sean Bronson and Jodi Fisher, can all ski well into the 11.25 metre shortening.

The unknown quantity in the slalom event is Mike Hazelwood, who is making a comeback to the sport

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SUNDERLAND: Silksworth 6.5-mile road race: 1, B Rushworth (Sunderland), 31min 06sec; 2, I Archibald (Washington), 31.44; 3, W Wallace (Jarrow and Hebburn), 32:21. Women: H Mathews (Elswick), 33:03. Women L Harding (Houghton), 36:27.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland A's 13, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Boston Red Sox 5, Kansas City Royals 1; Chicago White Sox 5, Baltimore Orioles 3; Texas Rangers 3, Detroit Tigers 2; Minnesota Twins 5, New York Yankees 4; Cleveland Indians 5, Seattle Mariners 3; California Angels 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3 (11 inns). NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dodgers 15, Chicago Cubs 6; St Louis Cardinals 3, San Francisco Giants 2 (12); Cincinnati Reds 7, Montreal Expos 1; San Diego Padres 5, New York Mets 4; Philadelphia Phillies 8, Atlanta Braves 4.

BASKETBALL

ITALIAN LEAGUE PLAY-OFF: Reggio Verona 95, Scavolini 88 (best-of-five series level at 1-1).

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Cambridgeshire 119, Lincolnshire 113.

CYCLING

NAMUR, Belgium: Wallonia Grand Prix: 1, L Leblanc (Fr), 5hr 20min 00sec; 2, M Demiles (Bel), at 10sec; 3, J Bruyneel (Bel), at 13; 4, L Jalabert (Fr), at 22; 5, D Dewolf (Bel), at 23; 6, C Criquielion (Bel), at 27.

FOOTBALL

TOULON: Under-21 tournament: Brazil 2, Yugoslavia 0. Czechoslovakia 1, United States 0.
FRENCH CUP: Semi-final: St Etienne 0, Montpellier 0.
OTHER MATCHES: Alto Adige 10 0, Austria 1 (in Bressanone); Inter Milan 2, Costa Rica 2 (in Alessandria); Guitbio 1, Brazil 14 (in Perugia).

GOLF

MARIETTA, Georgia: Atlanta Golf Classic: Leading first round scores: (US unless stated): 66: W Grady (Aus), L Nelson, S Lowery. 68: N Price (SA), S Hoch, C Peete, H Twitty, J Thorpe, M Donald, T Moore, P Funk, D Terrell, M Lanotsky.
TYTHERINGTON: WPGA European Tour Classic: (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 69: J Furby. 70: A Jones (Aus), S Croce (It), S Shapcott. 71: B New, S Grunberg (Swe). 72: K Douglas, S Van Wyk (SA), A Cwerenblema (Swe), D Dowling, M Kelt (US). 73: M Burton, C Parson, P Sina (US), D Barnard, R Hasz, P Gonzalez (Col), C Langford, M Estill (US).
COLDWELL, New York: LPGA Classic: Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 68: J Dickinson, T Johnson (GB), C Johnston, L Walters, D Hennicke-Rauch, T Green, A Rizzuto. 69: R Hood, M Morris, K Monaghan, P Bradley. 70: A Okamoto (Japan). 71: C Pierce (GB), Hiromi Kobayashi (Japan). Other British placings: 72: P Wright. 74: K Davies, Fai a Nicholas.
IRISH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: M McKenna (Donabate) bt P Wickham (Laytown and Bettystown), 4 and 3; L Bolton (Carrdhu) bt A McAuley (Laytown and Bettystown), 5 and 4; L Callan (Portwilliam) bt C Hourihane (Stoke Poges), 1 up; D McCarthy (Woodenbridge) bt I Butler (Elm Park), 2 and 1; A O'Sullivan (Monkstown) bt C Wickham (Laytown and Bettystown), at 20th; E R McDaid (Douglas) bt D Fairfield (Co Louth), 3 and 2; A Ferguson (Spa) bt S Gorman (Millbrook), 4 and 3; M Cassidy (Co Louth) bt E Higgins (Douglas), 4 and 2.
NISHIWAKI, Japan: Men's tournament: Leading second round scores (Japanese unless stated): 143: R Mackay (Aus), 73, 70. 145: T Ontsuka, 69, 76. 146: J Ozaki, 73, 73; S Kawamata, 72, 74; K Takahashi, 74, 72; I Aoki, 70, 76. 147: T Sugihara, 75, 72; D Ishii (US), 73, 74; S Maeda, 74, 73. 148: B Jones (Aus), 72, 76; E Herrera (Col), 72, 76.
OGANOMACHI, Japan: Women's tournament: Leading first round scores: (Japanese unless stated): 69: F Tani, M Inomoto. 70: C Yamazaki, N Lowien (Aus), M Tagami. 71: Yu Ai-yu (Taiwan), J Yasui, F Nagata, I Shirasu, I Hirosta, Y Harada.
ROYAL PORTCAWL: Tillman Trophy: First round: 75: M Seaton (Gog Magog), M Welch (Hill Valley), E Richardson (Rye). 76: R Johnson (Cardiff), J Hodgson (Tytherington), A Barnett (Royal St David's), C Howlett (Wrenbury), R Penhouse (West Malling), S Whitfin (Enfield), P Sefton (Cambarley Heath), S Barwick (East Berkshire), A Jones (Wrexham). 77: G Clark (Rickford 100), C Tagey (Mid Herts).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup final: Edmonton Oilers 4, Boston Bruins 1 (Oilers win best-of-seven series 4-1).

MOTORCYCLING

NURBURGRING: West German Grand Prix: Practice times: 500cc: 1, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 1min 38.35sec; 2, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 1:39.795; 3, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 1:40.149; 4, P Chili (It), Honda, 1:40.420; 5, C Sarron (Fr), Yamaha, 1:41.293; 6, N McKenzie (GB), Suzuki, 1:41.538. 250cc: 1, C Cardus (Sp), Honda, 1:44.005; 2, W Zoetelbeng (Neth), Honda, 1:44.085; 3, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, 1:44.428; 4, J Schmid (WG), Honda, 1:44.727; 5, R Rolfo (WG), Honda, 1:44.951; 6, H Bradl (WG), Honda, 1:44.976.

RACKETS

MONTREAL CLUB CENTENARY INVITATION DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: W Surtees (GB) and T Monteuuis (GB) bt C Pickwood (GB) and T Wharley (GB), 18-13, 3-15, 15-10; D McLennon (Can) and C Green (GB) bt E Ullman (US) and N Barham (GB), 15-11, 17-18.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: New Orleans 23, Bridgend 35; Deep South 10, Bridgend 51; Pontypridd (Washington) 12, Cardiff 21; University of Natrob 22, Pontypool 33; Alberta President's XV 13, Bonymaen 9; Kamloops 3, Bonymaen 30.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ipswich 55, Milton Keynes 31; Middlesbrough 53, Arena Essex 43.

TENNIS

DUSSELDORF: World Team Cup: Group 1: Third round: Spain bt West Germany, 2-1 (Spanish names first): S Bruguera bt C-U Steeb, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Arrese bt B Becker 6-2, 6-1; Bruguera and T Carbonell lost to M Stich and E Jelen, 3-6, 2-6. United States bt Soviet Union, 2-1: (US names first). J Courier bt A Volkov, 6-4, 6-2; B Gilbert bt A Chesnokov, 6-2, 6-3. K Flach and Courier lost to A Olhovskiy and V Gabrichidze, 3-6, 6-1, 6-7.

BOLOGNA: Men's tournament: Second round: J Poirier (Fr) bt J Pugh (US), 6-3, 7-6; M Rosset (Switz) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; F Davin (Arg) bt O Camporese (It), 1-6, 7-5, 7-5.
STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: M Bollegraf (Neth) bt A Dechaume (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; K Quinarec (Fr) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; E Pfaffquelque (Bel) bt A Keller (US), 6-4, 6-4; I Cueto (WG) bt V Basuit (Fr), 6-1, 6-0.
GENEVA: European Open women's tournament: C Cavazzaio (It) bt A Kanellopoulou (Gr), 6-1,7-5; H Kelesi (Can) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-1, 6-4; E Zorda (Switz) bt D van Rensburg (SA), 7-5, 6-7, 6-1. Quarter-finals: Kelesi bt Cavazzaio, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.
MARBELLA: Women's National Cup: United States level with Spain 1-1: (US names first): J Capriati bt C Martinez, 7-5, 6-7, 7-5; Z Garrison lost to A Sánchez Vicario, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6.
BRUSSELS: ITA Belgium Fortis Trophy tournament: Quarter-finals: Marc P Leyfried bt B Kunzer, 6-2, 6-2. Women: K Donald bt L [illegible], 6-4, 6-1.

YACHTING

VIRGIN ISLANDS: International 50-metre Association World Cup: Fifth leg: first day: 1, Container (WG), 1.5pts; 2, Abracadabra (US); 3, Springbok (US), 7; 4, Carat VII (GB), 7; 5, Windquest (US), 9; 6, Tiger (Japan), 13; 7, Champoux (Japan), 13; 8, Diane (US), 15.
SPA OLYMPIC REGATTA: Sailing: First race: 1, Thompson (Can); 2, Peponnet (Fr); 3, Roppenness (Can). British placings: 24, Bowman; 26, Charles; 27, Dixon. Second race: 1, Henriksen (Den); 2, Thompson; 3, Tallason (Swe). British placings: 16, Bowman; 19, Pyatt; 23, Dixon. Star: First race: 1, Fravalzi (It); 2, Peet (Neth), 3, Anders (WG). British placings: 5, Greenwood. Second race: 1, Raudaschel (Austria); 2, Andersen (Den); 3, Blanco (Sp). British placing: 19, Greenwood. Flying Dutchman: First race: 1, Schunch (Austria); 2, Andrews (WG); 3, Angeletti (It). British placings: 12, Apthorp; 14, Henderson; 19, Maxfield. Second race: 1, Berger (Fr), 2, Matter (Den); 3, Doreste (Sp). British placings: 10, Lennon; 13, Tottingham; 20, Apthorp. 470 Men: First race: 1, Hunger (WG); 2, Ebenhoh (Austria); 3, Schulz (WG). British placings: 14, Buckley; 24, Brotherton, 34, Rees-Jones. Second race: 1, Laakkonen (Fin); 2, Korhonen (Fin); 3, Hunger. British placings: 8, Buckley; 23, Brotherton; 32, Taylor. 470 Women: First race: 1, Meyer (WG); 2, Aulotte (Fr); 3, Pique (Sp). British placings: 12, Jervis; 21, Best. Second race: 1, Moskalenko (USSR); 2, Theel (EG); 3, Meyer. British placing: 4, Jervis. Europe Men: First race: 1, Lauwener (Bel); 2, Gaudemack (Fr); 3, Sibbe (Neth). Second race: 1, Van Leeuwen (Neth); 2, Sibbe; 3, Derckson (Neth). Europe Women: First race: 1, Eikeland (Nor); 2, Landi (It); 3, Moberg (Can). British placings: 38, Jones; 42, Jordan; 56, Brookes. Second race: 1, Jensen (Den); 2, Brooker (GB); 3, Reizer (Fr). Other British placings: 7, Pomsford; 14, Jordan; 43, Jones. Finn: First race: 1, Ortoleno (Gr); 2, Westergaard (Swe); 3, Zielhus (Neth). British placing: 32, McMillan. Second race: 1, Hjortnaes (Den); 2, Westergaard (Swe); 3, Chopersky (USSR). British placing: 20, McMillan. Tornado: First race: 1, Sweeney (Can), 2, Williams (GB); 3, Dijkstra (Neth). Other British placings: 8, Webb; 7, Sumnucks; 8, Pierce. Second race: 1, Dijkstra (Neth); 2, Sweeney; 3, Van Teylingen (Neth). British placings: 9, Jarman; 12, Pierce; 17, Webb. Olympic Sailboard (Men): First race: 1, Steele (US); 2, Bellot (Fr); 3, Asserbaeck (WG). British placings: 22, Wemms; 28, Plumb; 52, Aldridge. Second race: 1, Halvorsen (Nor); 2, Stade (WG); 3, Hamelkung (WG). British placings: 12, Wemms; 45, Plumb; 53, Aldridge. Olympic Sailboard (Women): First race: 1, Way (GB); 2, Alle (Can); 3, Fenner (US). Second race: 1, Way; 2, Sanetta (It); 3, Haugen (Nor).

Englishmen expelled

TWO English football supporters have become the first foreigners to be expelled from Italy under new court procedures specifically aimed at curbing hooliganism at the World Cup (John Goodbody writes).

A court in Spoleto gave Derek Haigh, from London, and Mark Moscrop, from Liverpool, both aged 23, six months' suspended sentences and also deportation orders for drunkenness, resisting arrest and insulting a police officer.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, received a pledge from the Government in Rome, during his visits to Italy last December and also earlier this month, that the courts would act immediately against foreigners charged with even minor offences.

The court heard that the pair, who were travelling to the World Cup, were "in a state of drunkenness" on a local train travelling from Spoleto to Terni, and began harassing other passengers. When the railway police were called, they reacted by assaulting the officers.

The pair will have to report to an attendance centre for at least two years whenever England are playing abroad.

From Monte Carlo to Indianapolis to Nurburgring, on four wheels or two, drivers throttle up for a weekend of big racing

Mansell to pull out stops to hustle Senna on the grid

From JOHN BLUNSDEN
MONTE CARLO

BETWEEN one and two o'clock this afternoon, Nigel Mansell will be striving to put together the sort of qualifying lap which so nearly came his way on Thursday. Had he done so, it would have put his Ferrari close to the front of the starting grid for tomorrow's Monaco Grand Prix, instead of languishing down in tenth place.

Along with many other drivers, Mansell was thwarted by the perennial bugbear of the Monte Carlo street circuit — traffic, in his case three cars, one of which was travelling slowly in the middle of the track through the curving tunnel.

"It made a complete nonsense of what was until then a really good lap. I just didn't know which side to pass him, I completely lost my rhythm, I even found myself in the wrong gear further round the lap, yet I still did a 1:24.4. The trouble is, no matter how hard you work here the whole thing's a complete lottery" he complained.

Mansell's solution is that the organizers should make an exception for what is a unique grand prix and allow cars out on the track for qualifying in bunches of five at 10 second intervals.

"Everyone would have to stick on a set of 'quallies' and go for it, then get back to the pits as quickly as possible." One problem of such a system, of course, would be changing track conditions, but at least it would remove the major hazard of a driver on a flier coming up behind a slow-moving car on its warming-up or cooling-down lap.

In these conditions, it seems that it pays to be driving a McLaren. Gerhard Berger, Mansell's former Ferrari partner, says he's amazed how, since joining Mclaren, traffic seems magically to get out of the way for him. "Everyone seems to be so inhibited by the sight of a red-and-white car looming up in their mirrors that they just give way" he says. "It was never like that at Ferrari," he said.

Mansell offered him a reason for this politeness. "Everyone wants to drive for Ron Dennis [McLaren's team director] and they don't want to queer their pitch for the future," he suggested.

Mansell's misunderstanding with Berger during the San Marino Grand Prix, which put the Ferrari driver into a 160mph spin on the grass, has been happily forgotten.

Both will be looking for that unimpeded lap today so as to close the gap on Ayrton Senna, the pole man. But the threat of traffic congestion here is not confined to the drivers. A strike by air traffic controllers at Nice, combined with disruption on the railways, means that extra police will be drafted in to cope with the anticipated chaos on the approach roads tomorrow.

Only the affluent, it seems, will arrive in comfort — owners of helicopters and luxury power boats are doing a roaring trade even by Monaco's standards.

MONACO DETAILS

Practice times

1, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1min 21.797sec (average speed 146.470 kph); 2, G Berger (Austria), McLaren, 1:23.001; 3, J Alesi (Fr), Tyrrell, 1:23.372; 4, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari, 1:23.449; 5, T Boutsen (Bel), Williams, 1:23.938; 6, P Martini (It), Minardi, 1:24.012; 7, D Warwick (GB), Lotus, 1:24.070; 8, R Patrese (It), Williams, 1:24.178; 9, N Lamm (It), Ligier, 1:24.209; 10, N Mansell (GB), Ferrari, 1:24.433; 11, M Donnelly (GB), Lotus, 1:24.724; 12, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 1:24.766; 13, N Piquet (Br), Benetton, 1:25.273; 14, P Alliot (Fr), Ligier, 1:25.387; 15, E Bernard (Fr), Lola, 1:25.396; 16, S Modena (It), Brabham, 1:25.485; 17, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell, 1:25.679; 18, O Grouillard (Fr), Osella 1:25.766; 19, A de Cesaris (It), Dallara, 1:25.849; 20, A Nannini (It), Benetton 1:25.926; 21, G Foitek (Switz), Onyx, 1:26.183; 22, P Barilla (It), Minardi 1:26.352; 23, A Caffi (It), Arrows, 1:26.520; 24, R Moreno (Br), Eurobrun, 1:26.604; 25, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House, 1:26.943; 26, I Capelli (It), Leyton House 1:26.969; 27, A Suzuki (Japan), Lola, 1:27.193; 28, M Alboreto (It), Arrows, 1:27.282; 29, J J Lehto (Fin), Onyx, 1:27.923; 30, D Brabham (Aus), Brabham, 1:28.339.

Championship positions

DRIVERS: 1, A Senna (Br), 13pts; equal 2, A Prost (Fr) and G Berger (Austria), 12; 4, R Patrese (It), 9; 5, J Alesi (Fr), 7; equal 6, T Boutsen (Bel) and N Piquet (Br), 6; 8, A Nannini (It), 4; 9, N Mansell (GB), 3; 10, S Modena (It), 2; 11, S Nakajima (Japan), 1.

CONSTRUCTORS: 1, McLaren-Honda, 25pts; equal 2, Ferrari and Williams-Renault, 15; 4, Benneton-Ford, 10; 5, Tyrrell-Ford, 8; 6, Brabham-Judd, 2.

Safety first: Ayrton Senna adjusts his fireproof hood during grand prix practice

Fittipaldi speeds into front row as Indy 500 revs up

By STEPHEN SLATER

EMERSON Fittipaldi, winner of the Indianapolis 500 last year and a former Formula One world champion, heads the field for the 74th running of the 1990 race tomorrow. The Brazilian claimed his third successive pole position after averaging 225.215mph for four successive laps at the opening of qualifying races earlier this month.

Fittipaldi had lapped the banked track at 228mph in practice, but subsequent heavy rain scoured the surface of the track, slowing the official qualifying laps.

The week-long qualifying ritual is unique to Indianapolis and involves each car in turn completing four timed laps to determine its starting positions. Normally the top dozen drivers settle their places on the opening day, but this year qualifying was repeatedly interrupted by bad weather, forcing Fittipaldi to wait two weeks to discover whether he would maintain the coveted position at the front

Fittipaldi's colleague, Rick Mears, who has won the Indy three times, qualified in second place. Mears, offically the leader of the Penske team, went round at 224.215mph, ahead of the third placed Lola-Chevrolet of the Dutch driver, Arie Luyendyk, but he was unable to match the pace of Fittipaldi.

Luyendyk was one of the drivers delayed by the weather but on the final Sunday of qualifying he lapped the track at 223.3mph to claim the last place on the front row of the grid, edging out the Indy veteran, Bobby Rahal.

Rahal will share the second row of the grid with the son and father team of Michael and Mario Andretti, who qualified their two Lola-Chevrolets just 0.03mph apart at 222mph. Further down the field in tenth place his nephew, John Andretti, may be a dark horse in a March-Porsche, which is now reaching the peak of its development and is proving a match for the Chevrolet-powered teams.

The race is again a technical triumph for the British racing car industry. Every one of the 33 cars starting the race will use a British-built chassis, while even the Chevrolet racing engines are developed in England, by Ilmor Engineering in Derbyshire.

Gravett considers taking his leave

A RECORD crowd is likely at the Thruxton circuit in Hampshire on Monday for the third round of the Esso British touring-car championship (Stephen Slater writes). The televised series has on occasion attracted more viewers than Formula One grand prix.

An average of three million people per race enjoy the spectacle of door-handle to door-handle battles between the Ford Sierras of Andy Rouse, Tim Harvey and Robb Gravett. Yet, amazingly, the latter driver is considering withdrawing from the series due to a lack of sponsorship.

Gravett, whose front-running trackstar team includes Mike Smith, the television personality, and who came close to winning the 1989 championship, said: "We lost our major sponsorship deal right at the start of the season and, although we have some support from Shell and Yokohama Tyres, we are effectively running the team from our own resources. It costs around £20,000 to put our two-car team on the track for each race, so you can imagine we can't keep it up forever."

The battle between the leading Ford Sierra Cosworths will be reflected in equally close racing between the BMWs of Frank Sytner and Kurt Luby and the Vauxhall Cavalier of John Clelland, in the class for touring cars of up to two-litre engine size. The British Formula Three championship event, also at Thruxton, will again include the British drivers, Steve Robertson, Derek Higgins and Paul Stewart, attempting to break the domination of the "Flying Finns", Mika Hakkinen and Mika Salo, who have won every one of the past six races.

Gardner fractures foot

NÜRBURGRING, West Germany — Wayne Gardner, the former world champion, will miss the West German and Austrian 500cc motorcycle grands prix after fracturing his foot in nine places in a crash during practice (Reuter reports).

A spokesman for the Australian's sponsors said yesterday that Gardner's foot was in traction but that he hoped to recover in time to race at the Dutch grand prix at Aachen in five weeks.

"He's a bit fed up that he cannot race. But he's not totally despondent," the spokesman said.

Gardner, the 1987 world champion who is in second place in this season's championship, was alone on the track when he fell from his bike on Thursday after recording the third fastest time during practice. The machine flipped in the air and crashed on to Gardner's right foot.

The man who goes for broke at Monte Carlo


Alesi: scent of victory

By ANDREW LONGMORE

ONE word features strongly in the heavily-accented English of Jean Alesi. "Maximum". Everything in the young Frenchman's life at the moment happens somewhere between "maximum" and "very maximum".

With a radical new car well-suited to the tight and twisty lanes of Monte Carlo, Alesi will doubtless spend most of this weekend at the top end of the maximum scale. Having briefly led his first Formula One race in front of his home crowd last year and set off like a hare in Phoenix in the first race of this year's championship, Alesi has sniffed the scent of victory. Monte Carlo, he feels, is the ideal place to grab the whole bouquet.

"I enjoy driving on street circuits because we have a light car with very good traction. If I can get to the front early, I have possibilities to win." No one who has watched Alesi's progress through the ranks of Formula Three and Formula 3000 would care to argue with those sentiments, least of all Ayrton Senna, who found on the back streets of Phoenix that Alesi's polite and unassuming air masks a fierce determination and just a hint of a short temper.

Alesi, you may remember, incurred the wrath of Nigel Mansell last year by slamming on the brakes at a vital moment in practice for the Hungarian grand prix.

Alesi shrugs off the incident. "Yes, it happened. He was very cross. But it's OK now. We are good friends," he said. Alesi has more of a problem with Prost; not because they collided at Imola 12 days ago, but because Alesi feels the weight of national expectation.

"It's a problem. The French people expect me to be the next Alain Prost. I want to stay as Jean Alesi. I've never really had a hero; to me, all champions are heroes and that includes Prost and Senna. But I'm not going to be worried by them."

Asked which of Prost's qualities he would like most, Alesi pointed to his head. "I would like to be clever like him." Some of the other drivers, faced with Alesi's aggression over the past two grand prix , may hope that he starts to use his brain a fraction more than his right foot on the notoriously-difficult Monaco circuit.

If one mark of a champion is confidence, another is the ability to be in the right place at the right time. At the age of 25, Alesi has arrived just as Tyrrell's fortunes, backed by the might of McLaren and by the backroom wizardry of Harvey Postlethwaite and Jean-Claude Migeot, architects of the drop front wing formation on the new Tyrrell, have shown a marked upturn.

Next season, Tyrrell will have the Honda V10 engine as well, so it is little wonder that Alesi is happy with his lot."I love my job as a racing car driver. In two or three years maybe I can become a champion. But this year I just have to drive my car to the maximum."

RUGBY UNION

A visionary with a world view

CLIFF MORGAN, the Wales and British Isles stand-off half from 1951 to 1958 and head of BBC Television Outside Broadcasts Group from 1975 to 1987, pays his tribute to John MacG K Kendall-Carpenter, whose death this week left the World Cup without its most influential leader

IT was the energetic thinking and commanding physical presence of John MacG K Kendall-Carpenter that lay behind rugby's burgeoning World Cup competition when the concept was suggested in the mid-Sixties by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, then chairman of the Australian Rugby Board. He had played against John in 1949 and they shared a deep passion for the game.

There was, at that time, little enthusiasm for the idea and administrators here were concerned that the players would not be able to get enough time away from their jobs for such a long period; and they had grave doubts about the game remaining amateur in a competition that had, of necessity, to be organized on a commercial basis.

I was then head of BBC Televison Outside Broadcasts and would have to make the decision on coverage of this new event. I have to admit that I also would bring a breath of fresh air to rugby and that if rugby men did not run the competition themselves, men with dollar accents would move in and profit. "Better for those who care to have control."

He was unbudgeable in his belief that world sport would always be bereft of true sportsmanship until rugby union took centre stage alongside the football World Cup, the Olympic Games and the Commonwealth Games. There was also the fact that so many countries around the world were anxious to join the International Rugby Board and the prospect of taking part in qualifying matches in a World Cup would be a flying start in spreading the game to the far-flung corners of the world.

John did not throw dice. He left nothing to chance, and after the success of the first rugby World Cup in New Zealand and Australia he realized that, to secure the future, the whole concept had to be put on a sure footing: 1991, in his view, held the key to the creation of a rugby inheritance that would bring the game and its followers together as never before. A chance for all nations to take part. John never lost sight of his goal to deliver rugby union into the hearts and minds of its biggest-ever audience.

This single-mindedness has provided the World Cup with a management system that now operates worldwide. All who represent it do so as managers under terms of reference that confirms the game of rugby as the decision-taker. From this secure and dedicated system will come a tournament watched by 1.5 million, together with the financial well-being that the 100 nations that play the game have longed for.

The measure of John's gift is that in true rugby style he created a team and that team was given the ball to run and I know that, like all wise and confident captains, he felt certain that his side would turn out to be winners, overcoming injury — even if that injury meant the absence of the captain himself. Those he has left will be aware of that trust and responsibility.

John was a visionary and what he gave to all the people he appointed to the World Cup was a belief. His word was worthwhileness. Problems worth facing and solving; idiosyncrasies worth noting; creative work worth encouraging; commercial aspects worth appraising and implementing and with rugby controlling its own future a treasure worth cherishing. He had complete trust and faith in the people who worked to him and the blueprint he produced will ensure not only the success of the 1991 event in Europe but all rugby World Cup tournaments in the future.

Anyone seeking his monument will only have to look around the World Cup in the autumn of next year.

World Cup chairman is wanted

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE death on Thursday of John Kendall-Carpenter leaves Rugby World Cup Limited, the company which will organize the 1991 World Cup in Britain and France, without a chairman. That is a matter which will be addressed over the next fortnight, by which time a meeting of the company directors will have been organized.

The other directors are Russ Thomas, the former chairman of the New Zealand RU council who has acted in the past as deputy chairman to Kendall-Carpenter; Marcel Martin (France) and Keith Rowlands, secretary of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) with E R Thomas as a resident director in the Isle of Man where the company is based.

"The next chairman will be a decision of the directors which will take place over the next couple of weeks," Rowlands said yesterday.

Thomas, who was intimately concerned with the organisation of the first World Cup in New Zealand and Australia in 1987, might be favoured for the post were it not that his home in Christchurch is so far from London where so much of the commercial activity is centred.

The other difficulty facing the company is that Thomas and Martin have both sustained blows to their domestic positions. Thomas, unexpectedly, lost his seat as NZRFU chairman at the end of last year; Martin was stripped of many of his responsibilities with the French federation in December after the television contract for the World Cup was awarded to two French private companies.

Martin is no longer France's representative in the IRFB, a situation which the RFU will also have to tackle. Kendall-Carpenter, with Dennis Easby, was the RFU representative to the board; he was also president of the Rugby Football Schools Union.

Wales face true worth of the Namibian game

From OWEN JENKINS, WINDHOEK

THE Welsh tour of Namibia will take a better shape after today's game against Namibia B here in Windhoek. Wales learnt nothing from their 73-0 victory against an invitation XV in Swakopmund on Wednesday but they will be in a better position to gauge the real strength of Namibian rugby.

The B-side consists of nine players who have represented Namibia including the whole front five. The front row is the same as the one which was destroyed by Wales on Wednesday but this time they will have a more powerful second row behind them and will prove far more awkward than they did in the previous game.

In McCulley, Namibia B have an international outside half who last season was considered in southern Africa to be second to Naas Botha. But he is nursing a hamstring injury suffered during the cricket season.

Phillips leads Wales for the first time in his second game on tour and he has a different set of props alongside him. Griffiths, the British Isles player, and Pugh, Phillips's Neath club colleague, will need to perform well to maintain their positions as the No. 1 props in the squad.

Williams, the second row, who at 19 is the youngest member of the squad, plays his first game in a senior Welsh jersey. A lot is expected of him and it will be a big test against the size of the second-row opposition. Parfitt, the centre, also plays his first match for Wales after recovering from a dead leg, although the two Swansea players have appeared for Wales in the Hong Kong Sevens.

WALES: P Thorburn; S Ford, S Parfitt, A Bateman, A Emyr; A Clement, C Bridges; M Griffiths, K Phillips (captain), J Pugh, R Phillips, S Williams, P Arnold, M Jones, M Morris.

NAMIBIA B: T Steenkamp; B Swartz, H Snyman, M van der Westhuizen, H de Waal; S McCulley (captain), D Karsten; R Mostert, E Beukes, G Smit, E van der Merwe, A Kotze, A van der Merwe, A Huysamen, J Coetzee.

● The Welsh Rugby Union has embarked on a world-wide search for a technical director, at an unspecified salary, responsible for the management of its coaching department and to ensure the fullest development of the game in the Principality (Michael Austin writes). It is also seeking a commercial executive, a post with an annual salary of £25,000, to formulate business strategies in the wake of the publication of their Quest for Excellence document on April 20.

Berbizier and France have points to prove

From DAVID HANDS, PARIS

THE national side may not be in great shape just now, but Agen and Racing Club de France will endeavour to show in the final of the club championship at the Parc des Princes this evening that the heart and soul of French rugby is far from dead.

It will be a clash of contrasts, made all the more piquant by the presence of Pierre Berbizier, who flew with Agen from Toulouse to Paris yesterday on the same flight as Albert Ferrasse. Given the dictatorial methods which Ferrasse employs as president of the Fédération Francaise de Rugby, it must be assumed that he agrees with Jacques Fouroux that Berbizier no longer has a role to play in the French team.

But the scrum half, dropped after the defeat against England in February, remains probably the best tactician and leader in the land. It is said, too, that he nurses a fierce ambition to win the championship with Agen.

Agen are favoured to win. They have ground out unspectacular victories in the closing stages of the championship, while the more flamboyant Parisians of Racing have disposed of, among others, Toulouse, the previous winners. But Racing have a history of losing finals, while Agen have won eight times, most recently in 1988.

AGEN: B Lacombe; O Campan, P Sella, P Schmitt, E Gayze; P. Mondeur, Pierre Berbizier; J-L Tolot, Philippe Berbizier, L Seguin, J Gratton, B Mazzer, D Erbani, P Benetton, A Benauzi.

RACING CLUB DE FRANCE: J-B Lorond, G Abadie, F Mesnel, E Blanc, P Guillard; D Pouyau, J-P Saltore; L Benezech, J-P Genet, P Volsin, X Blond, M Tachdjian, P Semene, L Cabannes, C Destandes.

Lone Star slitherers

Players of Moseley RFC flew to Texas yesterday for a three-match tour more concerned about the threat of rattlesnakes than the standard of the opposition (Michael Austin writes). A warning has reached the club, via the Foreign Office, that because of flooding snakes have become a problem in some urban areas.

With Birmingham chemists predictably low on serum, the tour manager, Joe Jordan, a doctor, has made a note of all the hospitals on the tour route and has issued a general warning to members of a party of 43.

Otherwise, Moseley are medically self-sufficient in readiness for matches at Galveston, Austin and Dallas.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0, 104 overs minimum
HOVE: Sussex v New Zealanders.

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Lancashire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset
LORD'S: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Hampshire

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Fourth division
Promotion play-off
Cambridge Utd v Chesterfield (at Wembley, 3.0)

BOWLS

COUNTY: Eastern Counties League: Huntingdon v Hertfordshire (Hemingford). Home Counties League: Middlesex v Oxfordshire (Kodak). Inter-County: Worcestershire v Bedfordshire (Persimore); Wiltshire v Cambridgeshire.

COMPETITION: Essex Inter-Group: Preliminary round: (Falcon-Colchester Colts). Middleton Cup Trials: Devon (Exmouth Madeira); Kent (at Deal); Leicestershire (Belgrave).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NORMA LEAGUE: Thames Valley Chargers v Nottingham Hoods (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

ARCHERY: All British field championships (Llywn-y-pia, Mid-Glamorgan).

BOXING: Daily Star ABA junior finals (Bethnal Green).

CANOEING: Trans-Pennine Marathon (Liverpool to Leeds).

DIVING: Summer championships (Crystal Palace).

FENCING: Women's epée championships (De Beaumont Centre, West Kensington).

GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (Wentworth).

MODERN PENTATHLON: British Women's Modern Pentathlon (Wantage).

ORIENTEERING: Scottish championships (Royal Deeside).

POLO: Gerald Balding Cup (Cirencester); The Queen's Cup (Windsor); BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (Windsor).

ROLLER HOCKEY: Southsea International (Southsea).

SHOOTING: Pistol 90 (Bisley).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Berwick v Arena Essex (7.0). FTT: Second leg: Stoke v Peterborough v Long Eaton v Middlesbrough (7.30). Sunbrite League: Bradford v King's Lynn; Coventry v Wolverhampton; Cradley Heath v Oxford; Swindon v Reading.

SURFING: Mambo Welsh national championships (Pembroke); Newquay Classic (Newquay, Cornwall).

SWIMMING: British Grand Prix Final (Leeds).

WATER POLO: British deepwater championship finals (Ealing).

WATER SKIING: Carlsberg European Masters (Lincoln).

YACHTING: National Hornet championships (Southampton).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0, 104 overs minimum
HOVE: Sussex v New Zealanders.

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire

Refuge Assurance League
2.0, 40 overs
COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Lancashire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset (1.05)
LORD'S: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Kent
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Hampshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Kidmore End: Berkshire v Oxfordshire; Sleaford: Lincolnshire v Bedfordshire; Jesmond: Northumberland v Hertfordshire.

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Third division
Promotion play-off
Notts County v Tranmere (at Wembley, 3.0)

BOWLS

COMPETITION: Middleton Cup Final Trial: Essex (Essex County). Essex Inter-Group: First round: (Thorpe Bay).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NORMA LEAGUE: Birmingham Bulls v Leeds Cougars (2.30); Glasgow Lions v Northampton Storms (2.0); Gateshead Senators v Manchester Allstars (2.0); London Olympians v Brighton 952's (2.30); Chelmsford Cherokee v London Ravens (3.30); Bournemouth Bobcats v Portsmouth Warriors (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

ARCHERY: All British field championships (Llywn-y-pia, Mid Glamorgan).

ATHLETICS: Throws and Jump Match: Great Britain v Italy v West Germany v Hungary (Southampton).

CANOEING: Trans-Pennine Marathon (Liverpool to Leeds).

CYCLING: Milk Race: Time trial (Penzance).

DIVING: Summer championships (Crystal Palace).

FENCING: Women's épée championships (De Beaumont Centre, West Kensington).

GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (Wentworth).

MODERN PENTATHLON: British women's modern pentathlon (Wantage).

ORIENTEERING: Scottish championships (Royal Deeside).

POLO: Gerald Balding Cup (Cirencester); The Queen's Cup (Windsor); BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (Windsor).

POWERBOAT RACING: Torbay Classic (Torbay, Devon).

ROLLER HOCKEY: Southsea International (Southsea).

SHOOTING: Pistol 90 (Bisley).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Rye House v Ipswich (4.30). FTT: First leg: Eastbourne v Exeter v Poole v Wimbledon (3.30). Fourth leg: Newcastle v Glasgow v Berwick v Edinburgh (7.0). Testimonial meeting: Peter Ravn (Belle Vue, 3.0).

SURFING: Mambo Welsh national championships (Pembroke); Newquay Classic (Newquay, Cornwall).

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YACHTING: National Hornet championships (Southampton).

SPORT ON TV

Today

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 11.30am-12.50pm.

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 10-11.30am and 9-10.30pm: National league: Playoffs.

BOXING: Eurosport 7-8.30pm; Screensport 10.45pm-12.15am: Pre-lookout event from the United States. BSB 11pm-midnight: Fight of the week.

CRICKET: BSB 10.30am-midday: Texaco One Day International: England v New Zealand from The Oval.

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 12.30-1.30pm: World Cup preview; Screensport 6.55-9pm: Yugoslavia v Spain.

GOLF: BSB 10-10.30am and 9-10pm: inside the PGA and Volvo PGA Championships from Wentworth. Eurosport 1.30-6pm (combined with gymnastics and motor racing) and 12.30-2pm (tomorrow), and BBC2 5-6pm: Volvo PGA.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.30-5.05pm: Golf: Volvo PGA Championships from Wentworth; Boxing: Stretch v Collins from Reading; Racing: 1.20, 2.0 and 2.30 from Haydock; Football: World Cup: Group C.

GYMNASTICS: Eurosport 1.30pm and BBC2 6-7.20pm: Men's European Championship from Lausanne.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 8-10.30am: Highlights of the Stanley Cup.

MOTORCYCLING: 6.30-7.30pm: 'On Two Wheels'.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 9.30-10am, 1.30-6pm (combined with gymnastics and golf) and 8.30-9pm: Formula One: Monaco Grand Prix preview; Screensport 12.30-2.30 and 9-10pm: Formula 3000 from Silverstone and NASCAR Special.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 6-6.55pm.

RACING: C4 3.10, 3.40, 3.55 and 4.40 from Kempton and Curragh; Screensport 2.30-3 and 3.30-4pm: Prestonpans Stakes and 1000 Guineas; BSB 10-10.30pm: Racing news.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 12-1.30pm: Australian league.

SPORTSDESK: BBB 9.30, 1.30, 7.30, 10.30 and midnight.

TENNIS: BSB 2-5 and 8-9pm: World Team Cup from Dusseldorf; Eurosport 11pm-12.30am: Dutch World Cup.

TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 10-10.45pm: British Matchplay.

UPDATE: Screensport 8pm.

Tomorrow

ATHLETICS: Screensport 11.30pm-1am: Invitation tournament from Los Angeles.

BASEBALL: Screensport 6.30-8.30am: Major league.

CRICKET: SKY ONE 1-6pm: Refuge Assurance League: Live coverage of Leicestershire v Somerset from Somerset.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 7-8pm: Dressage from Belgium.

FILM: Eurosport 9-11pm: Story of the 1982 World Cup.

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 10am-midday: European Cup final from Vienna.

GOLF: Screensport 2-4pm: US PGA: South Western Bell Colonial from Fort Worth; Eurosport 12-7pm (combined with motor sport) and BSB 9-10pm: Volvo PGA Championship from Wentworth.

GRANDSTAND: BBC2 1.25-6.35pm: Golf: Volvo PGA Championships from Wentworth; Motor sport: Formula One: Monaco Grand Prix from France; Water skiing: Carlsberg European Masters from Lincoln.

GYMNASTICS: Eurosport 12-7pm (combined with motor sport) and 8-9pm: Men's European Championship from Lausanne.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 1-4.30am and 9-11.30pm: National Hockey League: Stanley Cup.

MOTORCYCLING: BBB 10am-6.30pm (combined with tennis), 8-9pm and Eurosport 12-7pm (combined with motor racing): 500cc German Grand Prix and Isle of Man TT Race preview.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 12-7pm (combined with motorcycling), 11.30pm-1.30am, and BBC2 10-10.35pm: Formula One: Monaco Grand Prix; Screensport 12.30-2 and 4.30-9pm: NASCAR Special and Indy-car: Indianapolis 500; BSB 10-10.30pm: Motor World.

RACING: Screensport 12-12.30pm: French season.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 8.30-10am: Highlights of the French Championships; BBB 6.30-7.30pm: Australian league.

SPORTSDESK: BBB 9.30, 7.30, 10.30 and midnight.

TENNIS: BBB 10am-6.30pm (combined with motorcycling) and 11pm-midnight: World Team Cup from Dusseldorf

Every rider to his own role in cycling's leading pro-am event

Race built like a Russian doll

By Peter Bryan

THE Milk Race, which begins tomorrow and ranks as the world's top pro-am cycling event, can be likened to a gaily painted wooden Russian doll. Open the doll and a smaller version is revealed. The process continues until the smallest of all is reached.

The outside doll is the overall winner of the 1,200-mile race, which starts at Penzance and ends, after criss-crossing England and Wales, two weeks later in Liverpool. Each of the other six dolls represents a separate category of the race, such as the champion climber, the fastest sprinter, the most consistently placed rider and the leading under-22 rider.

The Milk Race is a series of races within a main structure. Complicated, perhaps, for the millions of spectators whose brief roadside glimpse of the 102 competitors will be accompanied by the swish of tyres.

But all the riders will have their race roles decided by their managers after the opening five-mile time-trial prologue on a skull-and-cross-bones course at Penzance — a dangerous one — to determine who wears the race leader's traditional yellow jersey for the next day's opening stage from Land's End to Plymouth.

There are 17 teams of six in the marathon, 12 amateur and five professional, racing for a record £60,000. Three of the professional teams are British, prepared on an unsuitable diet of city centre events lasting an hour, and two from Belgium with a background of longer and harder racing in their legs.

Colin Sturgess, Britain's world track pursuit champion, rides for the Belgian Tulip team and the new professional, Harry Lodge, is in the rival La William squad.

Last year Brian Walton, a Canadian riding for the American 7-Eleven team, was the overall winner by 25 seconds from Keith Reynolds, of Britain, now a member of this season's dominant Banana-Falcon set-up.

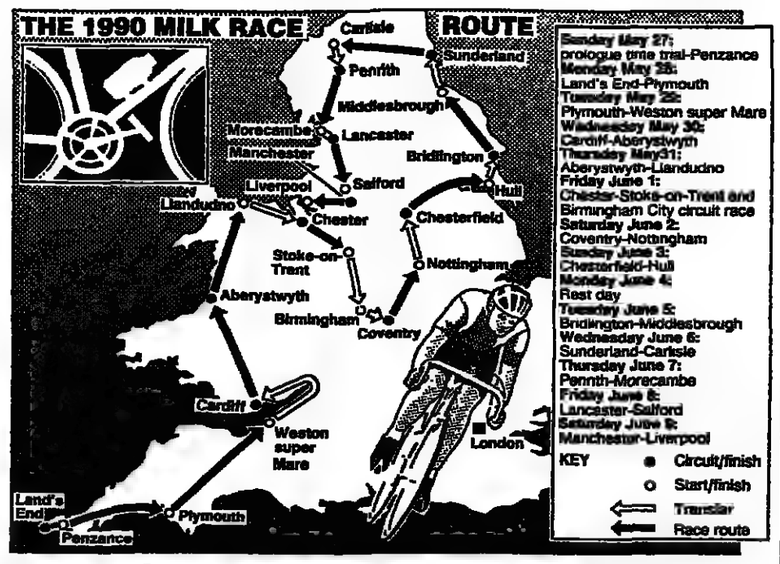
In the next fortnight the main action is most likely to come from the dozen amateur squads, headed by the Soviet Union, whose riders have won the race on seven occasions and taken the team award on 10.

East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia are Eastern Europe's other challengers. Add to that strong teams from Australia, New Zealand, United States, France and The Netherlands and Britain's amateur chances cannot be higher than 50-50.

The storybook result would be for a second victory for Joey McLoughlin, the race winner in 1986, who is now with the Ever Ready team after two years abroad, much of it spent out of action with a damaged right knee. McLoughlin is a fighter and is desperate to see the return of the form that also won him the Kellogg's Tour of Britain. And as the final finish line is in Liverpool, he will be even more encouraged to stay ahead in front of a home crowd.

Road racing is as unpredictable, however, as the Grand National and in 13 days anything can, and usually does, happen to make a mockery of forecasts.

TOMORROW'S STAGE: Prologue (individual time trial (5.4 miles, Penzance-Newlyn-Mousehole-Paul-Newlyn-Penzance): First rider starts 14.01, last rider finishes 16.09.



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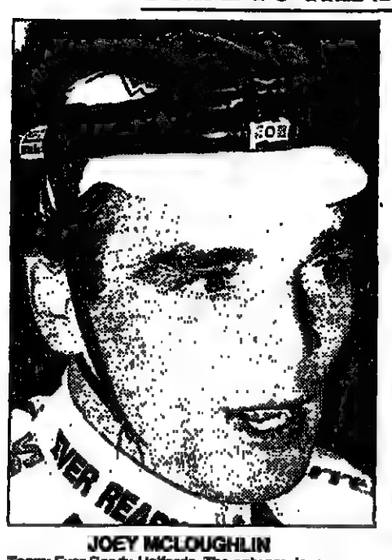
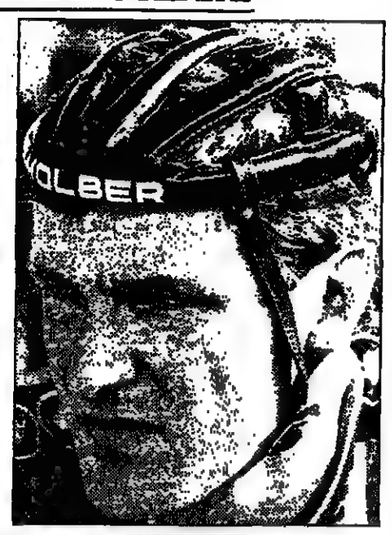


JOEY MCLOUGHLIN
Team: Ever Ready-Halfords. The only previous Milk Race winner — in 1986 — in this year's line-up of 102 riders. Also won 1987 Kellogg's Tour of Britain. Aged 25, and from Liverpool, has been plagued by injuries for three years.



TONY DOYLE
Team: Ever Ready-Halfords. Recovering from serious injuries sustained in the Munich six-day in November, but capable of a stage win. The Milk Race is part of his build-up for the 1990-91 indoor season.

DAVID COOK
Team: GB Amateur. British road race champion who was encouraged by the Tour de France stage winner, Robert Millar, to hone his talent in France. A team colleague of Matthew Stephens.

COLIN STURGESS
Team: Tulip, Belgium. Britain's only current world champion, a track pursuit specialist who wants to become a successful roadman. An ideal candidate for a lone breakaway or a sprint finish.

HARRY LODGE
Team: La William, Belgium. First-year professional who has quickly made his mark in continental events, winning the Anderlecht Grand Prix in Belgium, breaking away five miles from the finish of the 110-mile race.

Sturgess: world champion

KEITH REYNOLDS
Team: Banana-Falcon. Runner-up in last year's Milk Race to Brian Walton, and winner this season of the Lancashire four-day event, and a stage in the Tour de Trump.

MATTHEW STEPHENS
Team: GB Amateur. At 20 the youngest rider in the race, whose strength as a climber should be evident during the opening week. Based in Paris with the French ACCB club, and winner of this year's Grand Prix Boulogne.

PAUL CURRAN
Team: Crown-Chates. Outstanding as an amateur, he is in his second year as a professional. Finished eleventh overall last year, was fourth in 1985 and sixth in 1986. His sixth place in recent Lancashire Enterprises Tour shows he is coming to form at the right time.

Era when there was no milk but a lot of bottle

THIS year's Milk Race is the 33rd, but the event's roots were first put down in 1951 when the Tour of Britain was held under the rules of the-then rebel organization, the British League of Racing Cyclists (Peter Bryan writes).

Ian Steel, of Scotland, was the first winner of the tour, which offered a total prize fund of £850 for 1,400 miles of racing. A year later he became the first and only British winner of the Eastern Bloc's Warsaw-Berlin-Prague classic race.

Sponsorship of the home tour — by then no longer a rebel race — by the Milk Marketing Board started in 1958 when Richard Durlacher of Austria beat Bill Bradley, of Britain, by 45 seconds, yet neither won a stage. Prize money had increased to £1,250.

Bradley, a true amateur, was the first to win the Milk Race twice, in 1959 and 1960. He has recently retired after 40 years as a telephone engineer and recalled this week that he had never taken a day's absence from work to train. All his preparation for major races was done in his own time. He still rides over the Lancashire moors and organizes local races in Southport for youngsters.

The race, which is now sponsored by the National Dairy Council, brings millions to the roadside to watch its colourful passage; school children are among its most vociferous fans — and not only because it means an hour free from lessons — while they cheer on their knights of the road.

The prize list this year tops £60,000 and one short sprint alone, on the seventh stage from Chesterfield to Hull, will net the winner £2,000.

Bugno fears Mottet's speed

VALLOMBROSA (Reuter) — Gianni Bugno, who hopes to add the Giro d'Italia to the the Milan-San Remo title he won in March, sees Charly Mottet as his main threat and not another more renowned Frenchman, Laurent Fignon, the defending champion.

Bugno, who held a 72-second lead over the field before yesterday's relatively flat eighth stage, feels Mottet's ability in a time-trial makes him more dangerous than Fignon, who has been struggling with a sore back since a crash on Tuesday. Fignon lost ground on Thursday, dropping to eleventh overall.

"I realised Fignon was falling behind so I put on an extra spurt. The more of an advantage I can build up over him now, the better it will be for me later," Bugno said. But the Italian said that Mottet, 1min 47sec behind overall, was his biggest threat, particularly in the forthcoming gruelling 68km individual time-trial.

"Mottet is more dangerous to me in a way because he is so strong in time-trials and he could break ahead on Sunday. But I hope to hold on to the pink jersey for a while longer," Bugno said.

Greg LeMond, the 1989 Tour de France winner who is recovering from a virus he contracted earlier this year, is in the bottom half of the overall standings but his manager, Fred Mengoni, said LeMond was determined to carry on.

"He is getting stronger every day and he still hopes to back on form for the Tour de France next month," Mengoni said.

RESULT: Seventh stage, Fabriano to Vallombrosa: 1, G Bugno (It), 5hr 15min 23sec; 2, P Ugrumov (USSR), same time; 3, C Mottet (Fr), at 3sec; 4, M Lejarreta (Sp); 5, F Echave (Sp); 6, J Halupczok (Pol); 7, D Steiger (Switz); 8, F Chioccioli (It), all same time; 9, E Boyer (Fr), at 9sec; 10, M Moro (It), at 50sec. Overall: 1, Bugno 32:57:09; 2, Steiger, at 1min 12sec; 3, Halupczok, 1:24; 4, Lejarreta, 1:25; 5, Echave, 1:33; 6, Ugrumov, 1:40; 7, Mottet, 1:47; 8, Chioccioli, 2:00; 9, Boyer, 2:03; 10, F Chozas (Sp), 2:12.

Jones forced to delay a planned comeback

MANDY Jones, who was Britain's last world road race champion, has again been frustrated by injury in her bid to make a comeback to international competition (Peter Bryan writes).

The Rochdale rider has withdrawn from the five-nation three-day race which starts at the London Eastway circuit today.

Three weeks ago, she was involved in a crash during a road race and needed 12 stitches in a badly gashed right leg. The wound later became infected and she has been on antibiotics for the last week. "I started riding again last weekend and managed 10 miles" she said yesterday. "I increased this to 20 miles on Monday, gave Tuesday a miss and topped 40 miles on Wednesday."

Now her main concern is to be fit enough to be a serious challenger for the national 25-miles time-trial championship at Wallsend on June 10, a title she has won twice previously.

The five-nations race has drawn, for the first time for a stage event in Britain, a team from the Soviet Union, as well as squads from the Netherlands, Sweden and West Germany.

TENNIS

Becker heads queue to claim Chang's throne

By Andrew Longmore
Tennis Correspondent

IT SEEMS barely a year ago that Michael Chang, a young American with the face of a child and the mind of a monk, sank to his knees to celebrate one of the most remarkable upsets in the history of the French Open.

Coming just 24 hours after Arantxa Sánchez Vicario defeat of Steffi Graf, Chang's victory over Stefan Edberg completed a triumphant double which was a tribute to the durability of youth. The combined age of the champions was 34 years and eight months.

Much has happened to Chang since the day he became, at the age of 17 years and three months, the youngest ever men's grand slam champion. And not all of it has been good.

If Chang needed every ounce of his mental agility to overcome exhaustion in destroying Ivan Lendl in the quarter-final 12 months ago, he has had to dive deep into his reservoir of Christian faith over the past few months for very different reasons.

Since he injured his hip at the turn of the year, nothing, it seems, has fallen right for the young man from Hoboken in New Jersey. He has dropped from No. 5 to No. 12 in the world, while his match record this year reads, in football terms, like a formula for relegation: played seven, won two, lost five — hardly the ideal preparation for the French Open, which starts on Monday.

The one consolation for Chang as he contemplates his first-round match against Cassio Motta is that neither of the two obvious rivals for his title, the top seeds, Edberg and Boris Becker, has enjoyed an ideal preparation either. Nor, by choice, has the third seed, Andre Agassi, who seems to have sacrificed the chance of his first grand slam title by returning to America for the last two weeks, rather than continuing his preparations on European clay.

The French is the only grand slam title to have eluded both Becker and Edberg, and it is fair to say — and no detriment to Wimbledon to do so — that if either could wave a magic wand just once this year, this is the title they would wish for. For the West German, in particular, the French is the one barrier across the road to true greatness. Already a Wimbledon and US champion, the French would make a neat trinity of titles, proof to others that he has become the complete all-court player, and proof to himself that he has won a personal vendetta with clay courts.

But backing Becker to rectify the one glaring omission in his list of honours would be to fly in the face of history, and to rely on power in a game of patience, because the French Open has traditionally tested mind and body as much as skill and flair. Just reading the names of the recent winners is enough to make you feel tired: Vilas, Borg (six times), Wilander (three times), Lendl (three times): if any of those were going to be beaten on the red clay of Roland Garros, it was going to take a lot of time and effort. Most of their opponents did not have enough of either.

Becker's ability to cope with the mental intricacies of a five-set match is not in question, but he is not in the class of Vilas, Lendl or Wilander as a slugger, and there are platoons of sluggers, from Thomas Muster, winner of the Italian Open, through the enigmatic Andrei Chesnokov, champion in Monte Carlo, to Emilio Sánchez and Aaron Krickstein. To these can be added the odd old-fashioned clay-court artist like Juan Aguilera, the gentle Spaniard who humiliated Becker in the final of the German Open earlier this month, ready to exploit any weakness in the West German's armoury.

The key could be Becker's self-belief. He has never won a tournament on clay and, despite the new technology in rackets which has made power a more significant factor in the clay-court game, he still feels he has to hold back and play a different game. "Maybe I should use my service more", he mused after his defeat by Emilio Sanchez in Monte Carlo. He might need to, because he is scheduled to meet Muster in the quarter-final, and the tough Austrian will not be short of aggression or will.

Edberg has had a stuttering season, pulling out of the final of the Australian Open with a stomach injury, and missing Hamburg and the Italian Open with an ankle injury. "Clay courts can scare you", he admitted in Monte Carlo, which suggests the strain will be as much in the mind as the body.

After Seles's comprehensive defeat of Graf in Berlin last Sunday, the women's singles is equally open. Graf, who could meet Sarah Loosemore, of Britain, in the second round, did not play well in winning the Australian Open, was out with an injured thumb for three months, and has returned to find that there are pretenders to her kingdom. The most powerful of those is Seles, who has not lost a set in winning five titles in a row. With Navratilova waiting for Wimbledon they are seeded to meet in the final, and if the Yugoslav, at the age of 16½, did manage to win her first grand slam title, the only sadness would be the absence of Ted Tinling, who died this week. He, above all, would have enjoyed the dawning of such a bright new day in women's tennis.

French open seeds

Men

1, S Edberg (Swe); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, A Agassi (US); 4, A Gómez (Ec); 5, A Krickstein (US); 6, E Sánchez (Sp); 7, T Muster (Austria); 8, A Chesnokov (USSR); 9, J Berger (US); 10, M Jaite (Chile); 11, M Chang (US); 12, J Aguilera (Sp); 13, J Courier (US); 14, M Gustafsson (Swe); 15, G Pérez-Roldán (Arg); 16, C-U Steeb (WG).

Women

1, S Graf (WG); 2, M Seles (Yug); 3, A Sánchez-Vicario (Sp); 4, G Sabatini (Arg); 5, Z Garrison (US); 6, M Maleeva (Bul); 7, M-J Fernandez (US); 8, K Maleeva (Bul); 9, C Martinez (Sp); 10, N Zvereva (USSR); 11, J Novotna (Cz); 12, J Weisner (Austria); 13, R Fairbank-Nideffer (SA); 14, R Reggi (It); 15, N Tauziat (Fr); 16, L Gildemeister (Chile).

Junior championships reorganized

JUNIOR tennis in Britain was given a new, streamlined look yesterday. Instead of national championships at four age groups, and on three different surfaces, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) has decided to have just one championship for three age groups, and abolish the 12-and-under events.

From next year, both the 14-and-under and 18-and-under championships will be staged on a hard court in August, while the 16-and-under event will be played indoors in January.

All three championships will be open, with pre-qualifying and qualifying stages, and a main draw.

Britain has traditionally been a grass-court nation, but Ron Presley, the LTA president, said: "The changes in surfaces for the junior championships are to help the development of junior players. They do not represent a change of policy towards grass, which the LTA will continue to promote for competitive tennis at all levels."

Richard Lewis, the director of national training, said: "The new structure will open up the junior calendar, enabling our players both to compete abroad, and develop their game."

ICE HOCKEY

Ranford rewarded for defying Bruins

By Norman De Mesquita

Edmonton Oilers are Stanley Cup champions for the fifth time in seven years. They beat Boston Bruins 4-1 on Tuesday to win their best-of-seven series by four games to one.

TheEdmonton goaltender, Bill Ranford, won the Conn Smythe Trophy, voted for by the writers as the most-valuable player in the series.

He frustrated the Bruins, making several outstanding saves. In the first two periods he faced 20 shots without conceding a goal.

The first period was scoreless, but was probably the best 20 minutes' play in the series. It took just over a minute of the second period for Glenn Anderson to put Oilers on the board and midway through the period, a brilliant reverse pass by Anderson enabled Craig Simpson to make it 2-0, confirming his position as leading scorer in this year's play-offs with his sixteenth goal.

Steve Smith and Joe Murphy made it 4-0 in the third period and, although Lyndon Byers scored a consolation goal for Boston three and a half minutes from the end of the game, it was only a consolation and, once the Oilers had gone ahead, a Boston success never seemed likely.

Although the Bruins finished first overall during the regular season, in the play-offs they lacked depth, particularly in comparison to the Oilers.

Edmonton had three effective forward lines while Boston relied too much on too few players with only Raymond Bourque looking in the same class.

SWIMMING

Harris can dethrone the holder

By Craig Lord

SUKI Brownsdon and Grant Robins, the most versatile swimmers in the British team, are defending titles at the second British Milk in Action Grand Prix final in Leeds this weekend.

Brownsdon, the former World Cup champion from Wigan, who is in the breaststroke and individual medley races, is likely to be pressed to her fastest long-course times of the year by Julia Landik, of the Soviet Union, and Lara Hooiveld, of Australia. The main domestic challenge will come from Southampton's Lorraine Coombes, who has enjoyed one of her best winter seasons.

Robins, of Portsmouth Northsea, will find the going tough in the backstroke event, in which Martin Harris, of Barnet, seems likely to continue his winning ways. Harris failed to make the English Commonwealth Games team in the trials last November, but has since been unbeated by British opposition. Last month he broke the 10-year-old British 100 metres backstroke record in 57.60sec. Robins will also defend his individual medley title.

Adrian Moorhouse, the world 100 metres breaststroke record-holder and his Leeds colleague, James Parrack, meet in the breaststroke events, though the Olympic champion cannot win points as he has competed in fewer than three grand prix rounds.

BOXING

Collins packs punches that others do not even know

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

TONY Collins, who became officially eligible to box for a big title 16 days ago when he turned 21, could come of age in boxing terms today. He faces Hugo Marinangelli, of Argentina, for the World Boxing Council international light-middleweight title at the Rivermead Centre, Reading.

If Collins gets past Marinangelli who, according to his manager, Herman Nicolini, is not only the national champion but one of the best boxers in Argentina, the Englishman could develop into a genuine world prospect.

Collins's trainer, Ernie Fossey, says he could be the best boxer Britain has produced since Randolph Turpin. "I wouldn't swap him for any other fighter. He is the best fighter in the country," Fossey says. "He's got punches that other kids don't even know."

Suddenly, Collins seems to have become a man and, if his boxing has kept pace with his physical development, Fossey could be right in his assessment. Collins, who has won all but one of his 23 contests, sees himself as above everyone else in Britain. He is arrogant, confident and fearless. He makes his first appearance on BBC television this afternoon.

The only doubt about Collins is his ability to take a punch on the chin. He received the shock of his life when one Russell Mitchell knocked him out in two rounds in Swansea in 1988.

Collins will have to be extra careful to keep out of the way of Marinangelli. The Argentinian disposed of Daniel Dominguez in six rounds whereas Chris Pyatt, of Leicester, the leading contender for the world title, needed 10 rounds to stop Dominguez. Marinangelli, aged 30, has 24 knockouts in 35 contests and has lost only five bouts.

Gary Stretch, the British light-middleweight champion, is thinking of moving up to middleweight. He tests the water with a bout against Eduardo Contreras, another Argentinian, who recently went the distance with Chris Enbank, of Brighton.

Stretch, too, has a suspect chin but there does not seem any danger of his being tagged by Contreras. The Argentinian has only four knockout victories in his record of 92 contests and is a "runner". He has won only 47 bouts, lost 13, and probably holds the record for drawn contests with 24. He also has a no-contest on his scoresheet.

● SYDNEY: World title contests featuring the Australians, Jeff Fenech and Jeff Harding, have been rescheduled for July (AP reports). Fenech is to meet Juan LaPorte, of Puerto Rico, for the vacant World Boxing Council super-featherweight title at the Sydney Entertainment Center on July 21. Harding will defend his WBC light-heavyweight title against the Detroit-based Englishman, Dennis Andries, the former title holder, at the National Tennis Center in Melbourne on July 28.

ROWING

Eton are eights favourites

By Mike Rosewell

ETON will defend their championship eights title at the National Schools Regatta at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, today. Hampton and Westminster, second and third in 1989, are again their main opponents. Hampton just bettered Westminster on time at Ghent two weeks ago but Eton, impressive at the Schools Head and at Wallingford, must be considered favourites.

The National Schools Regatta has financial help from Aylings Racing Boats. The pressure on entries has led to a two-day regatta. The main eights races will be contested today and the smaller boat events tomorrow.

Most leading contestants have opted to double up, and the entry has jumped from 281 in 1989 to 482 this year. One reason for doubling up is to catch the attention of the Great Britain junior selectors, since a win at the national schools' event could improve an individual's chances of being a member of the junior world championships team in August. Perhaps this explains the huge entry of 33 championship coxless pairs for tomorrow.

In the young age-group eights, Winchester look promising at junior 16, St Edward's, King's Chester and Radley should battle out the junior 15, and King's Worcester, King's Wimbledon and St Edward's have shown early form in junior 14.

Two 12-oar boats will be seen racing for the first time this century at the Metropolitan Regatta on the Royal Albert Dock this weekend. Built by London and Thames RC, the baots will be used for a race for veteran crews. The total age of each crew must be over 500 years.

BADMINTON

England thrown off balance by a back injury to Hall

From Richard Eaton, Nagoya, Japan

DARREN Hall, the English champion, will take no further part in the world team finals here after injuring himself on the opening day. Hall was a game up and 3-9 down to Eddie Kurniawan, a former semi-finalist in the All-England championships, in the Thomas Cup match against Indonesia when he attempted a typically nimble retrieving shot close to the net and twisted his lower back.

He retired early in the third game and after that England subsided to a 5-0 defeat against a an Indonesian team with ambitions to win the tournament.

Hall's injury was a particularly devastating blow to England becjuy was a particularly devastating blow to England because they have selected no utility player for these finals and now have an unbalanced squad for the more important matches to come.

"It's very sad. Darren is a player who is beginning to take responsibility for England," Ciro Ciniglio, the acting manager, said. He had been considering switching Steven Baddeley, the European champion, from singles to doubles against either Denmark or Japan, an option he may now regard as impossible.

The women also lost 5-0 to the impressive Indonesians, but there were more cheering aspects for England in this match. The Commonwealth Games triple gold medal-winner, Fiona Smith, came back from a game and 2-9 down to extend the All-England champion Susi Susanti to a final game.

Jo Muggeridge, in her first Uber Cup final, led by a game and 9-4 against world championship semi-finalist Sarwendah Kusuma, before losing 11-8 in the third.

The redoubtable Gill Clark failed to mark her hundredth cap with victory in the women's doubles and Helen Troke's disappointing singles performance may see her dropped today for the first time in her career.

However, despite this first result, the women still feel they can keep medal hopes alive by beating the seeded but badly weakened Denmark.

If they do it would set up a contest with Japan tomorrow that could decide who wins the bronze medal. But Japan yesterday delivered a warning. They crushed the Danes 4-1

THOMAS CUP: Preliminary round-robin: Group A: China bt Sweden, 5-0; Malaysia bt South Korea, 4-1. Group B: Indonesia bt England, 5-0 (A B Kusuma bt S Baddeley, 15-8, 15-12; E Kurniawan bt D Hall, 12-15, 15-3, 4-1 (ret'd); J Supriantio bt S Butler, 15-2, 15-3; R Gunawan and E Hartono bt N Ponting and D Wright, 15-3, 15-7; I Sugiarto and B Setiadi bt M Brown and C Hunt, 15-5, 15-11); Denmark bt Japan, 4-1.

UBER CUP: Preliminary round-robin: Group A: South Korea bt Netherlands, 5-0; China bt Sweden, 5-0. Group B: Japan bt Denmark, 4-1; Indonesia bt England, 5-0 (S Susanti bt F Smith, 11-5, 11-12, 11-8; M Timur bt H Troke, 11-3, 11-0; S Kusumawardhani bt J Muggeridge, 7-11, 12-9, 11-8; R Tendean and E Sulistianingsih bt G Clark and G Gowers, 15-8, 15-12; V Fajrin and Y Kusmiatin bt J Munday and C Johnson, 15-10, 15-11).

REAL TENNIS

Brake's defeat a sad blow for Petworth

By Sally Jones

HAMPTON Court scored a thrilling victory over Petworth in the final of the J. D. Ward National Real Tennis League at Holyport to the delight of the packed gallery, which included the sponsor, a top British amateur who has performed consistently well in the competition this season.

The match hinged on the second-string singles in which Matthew Hayward, of Hampton Court, made a magnificent comeback from 2-5 down in the first set against the more highly ranked Peter Brake.

Chris Bray levelled the match when he reversed last week's defeat with a narrow victory over the former world champion Chris Ronaldson, winning 6-5 in the third, when his extra fitness and mobility came into play. Bray was in sharp and hard-hitting form

The promising Nick Wood, the Hampton Court assistant professional, had to overcome problems early in the match to beat the stylish Andrew Page in straight sets.

RESULTS (Hampton Court names first): C Ronaldson lost to C Bray, 1-6, 6-2, 5-6; M Hayward bt P Brake, 8-5, 6-4; N Wood bt A Page 6-4, 6-1.

STUDENT SPORT

Experienced Scots join British squad

The Scottish senior international pair of Jane Ward and Laura Dewar joined the British Students women's basketball squad yesterday as it faced up to its first serious test in the build-up to the World Student Games in Sheffield next year (Mike Lamb writes).

The squad includes the team that faced the Belgian national team at the Barnsley Metrodome last night, and the England senior side today. Two weeks ago the men's student's side twice beat the England Under-21 team, a feat which Betty Codona, team manager, was hoping to emulate.

SQUAD: T Beall (Sheffield Polytechnic), D Burnham (Trinity and All Saints College), J Clowes (Sheffield University), L Dewar (to be confirmed), H Kendall (Newcastle Polytechnic), J Kimmitt (Nottingham Polytechnic), K Miller (North Cheshire College), S Rooke (Warwick University), H Sharpe (Loughborough University), J Ward (Strathclyde University).

● Southampton Institute, the defending champions of the British Colleges Cricket Cup, suffered a surprise defeat by 128 runs at the hands of the College of St Mark and St John in the first round of this year's competition. The College of Ripon and York St John, last year's runners-up, fared little better, losing to Trinity and All Saints in the second round. Bedford College are first to make the last four after beating Derby, Crewe and Alsager, and St Martin's College on the way.

ORIENTEERING

Hale inspires a mood of optimism

THE second place achieved by Steve Hale in the Swedish national trials at Börlange two weeks ago have raised British expectations for the first of this year's World Cup events, at Krakow, Poland, tomorrow (a Special Correspondent writes).

Hale, who finished only four seconds down on the Swedish No. 1, Jorgen Mårtensson, will have to overcome his reputed nervous start in top-level competitions, and the expected continued domination of the event by the Norwegians.

Steve Palmer and Dave Peel hope to finish in the leading 10 in the second event, at Silkeborg, Denmark, on Wednesday, when the short course formula is used at World Cup level for the first time.

With a strong British entry at Krakow, the Scottish championships tomorrow give emerging talent ample opportunity to make its mark.

The 560-metre Meall Alvie is likely to determine the outcome of the individual events at Braemar, with Neil Conway, of Nottingham, and a re-emerging Charlie Adams, of South Yorkshire, testing Jason Inman, the British junior champion, prior to his run in the world student championship in July.

The Edinburgh students, Claire Bolland and Kirsty Bryan-Jones, together with the junior champion, Heather Munro, of London, are likely to dispute the women's title.

Eastern Chant is a fitting winner of The Times final

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

THE TIMES
Point-to-point Championship

EASTERN CHANT, the 7-4 favourite, jumped like a stag in *The Times* Championship at Towcester yesterday before romping home by 10 lengths for Isobel Dady, the trainer, and Chris Stockton, the 21-year-old winning jockey.

Stockton, an honours degree student at Leeds University, exuded confidence throughout, settling Eastern Chant down at the rear of the field as Sophie Edwards opened up a long lead on Hawksmoor.

The favourite eventually jumped past the leader at the third fence from home, the last open ditch, and quickly went clear. Ahalin finished third, 15 lengths behind Hawksmoor. Only five of the 10 starters completed the course.

"I always had a double handful," said the triumphant winning jockey. "I wanted to get him settled down and switch off to help his jumping. There were no problems."

How fitting that the fourth running of *The Times* Championship should have fallen to an owner-breeder, the 34-year-old Dady having not only Eastern Chant but also Maranatha, the dam, and two other of her offspring at her farm at Shustoke in Warwickshire.

Now eight, Eastern Chant first won two seasons ago and had his only other success in winning his qualifier easily by 20 lengths at Sandon.

Talking about her pride and joy, Dady said: "His career has been a bit plagued by injury. Last season he was out of action after kicking himself and injurying a blood vessel. He was a bit wrong at the start of this season and perhaps had a touch of the virus. But he was certainly in good form today."

Although Stockton is at present attempting a degree in building, he eventually wants to turn his attention to racing and would like a job as an assistant trainer.

Similarly, Dady, whose family have been involved in racing for many years and in the past had horses such as Bold Ambition and Mellie with Robin Blakeney, wishes to extend her training operations in due course.

With only four horses she has now had five winners this season, Crossfire having won twice, including a win in a qualifier in *The Times* series. Griffeeds has won a hunter chase at Worcester.

Although Dady is ambitious for herself, she was realistic about the 15.3 hands high Eastern Chant. "He's got a great character and has got a heart as big as himself," she said. "But how far he goes is up to him. As for me, I'll go just as far as he does."

Owen Brennan was the man in form on a glorious afternoon on the picturesque Northamptonshire track, the Newark trainer landing a double of over 18-1 with Indian and Tigers Pet.

Ray Goldstein rode Indian with great dash as the 10-year-old made his jumping tell before beating the favourite.

Towcester details

3.45 TIMES CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (Final: amateurs: £1,843: 3m 190yd)

EASTERN CHANT br g Shantung - Maranatha (Miss I Dady) Mr C Stockton (7-4 fav) 1.

Hawksmoor b g Certingo - Leifkara (J Edwards) Miss S Edwards (9-2) 2.

Ahalin ch g Laurence O - Reaper's Own (Mrs H Clarke) Mr S Brookshaw (33-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Millstreak (f, 1st), 8-1 Spartan Lemon (pu, 6th), 11 Crush On You (pu, 2nd), 12 Politburo (4th), West Palm Beach (pu, 17th), 50 Pendle Royal (5th). 10 ran. 10l, 15l, 5l, 4l. Miss I Dady at Shustoke. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £1.80, £5.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £9.85.

Heart Of Joy and Walter Swinburn, who go to post worthy favourites for today's Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh

Culhane's whip ban longest yet

TONY Culhane was given a 15-day riding ban in London yesterday for misuse of the whip. His sentence is the stiffest handed out to a Flat jockey since the instructions on use of the whip were introduced.

The northern-based jockey was referred to Jockey Club headquarters in Portman Square after committing his third whip offence of the year when winning on Alsaamer at Southwell last Saturday.

Culhane, aged 21, had previously been suspended for two days for misuse of the whip at Beverley on March 31 and for a further two days for the same offence at Ripon on April 28.

Culhane was found guilty of improper riding by the disciplinary committee who considered he had hit his mount "with unreasonable frequency." The suspension runs from today

Creator fancied to foil raiding party

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

CREATOR has an outstanding chance of winning the group one Prix d'Ispahan (1m 1f 50yd) at Longchamp tomorrow despite a four-strong British raiding party for the near £65,000 first prize.

Cash Asmussen has built up a notable partnership with the four-year-old who has not looked threatened in any of his last four races, latterly producing a spectacular run in the straight to beat his stable companion, In The Wings, by 2½ lengths in the Prix Ganay on this track last month.

Even with Guy Harwood's stable under a cloud, Ile De Chypre looks the chief threat, particularly after his promising reappearance when only just touched off behind Dolpour in Sandown's Gordon Richards Stakes. Tony Clark's mount will be coupled in the betting with his pacemaker, Gold Minories (Tony McGlone).

Citidancer (Steve Cauthen) is Henry Cecil's most travelled inmate, having run in France, Ireland and North America last season. Beaten two lengths by Markofdistinction in the Trusthouse Forte Mile last time, he nonetheless seems to have plenty to do in this company, a comment that also applies to Clive Brittain's Vague Shot.

Cecil and Cauthen have a better chance of landing the group one Prix Jean Prat with Satin Wood, an easy winner of the Premio Emanuele Filiberto at San Siro last time out.

Supplemented for this race, the Sheikh Mohammed-owned colt has most to fear from the Criquette Head-trained Septieme Ciel, seven lengths fifth to Tirol in the 2,000 Guineas. He will appreciate the longer trip today.

Benzine to boost the trial form

BENZINE looks set to land tomorrow's Derby Italiano at the Capannelle, Rome, and boost the Derby claims of Rock Hopper who beat him by two lengths in the Lingfield Derby Trial.

Ten of the 22 runners are British-trained for Italy's richest and most prestigious race and they should dominate the finish.

Main danger to Benzine may be the Michael Jarvis-trained Shout And Sing, the mount of Willie Carson. Like Benzine he runs in the colours of Antonio Balzarini.

Jarvis, who won the race last year with Prorutori, also runs Treble Eight (Bruce Raymond). Clive Brittain fields Nunki, Pier Damiania and Ridgepoint while Guy Harwood sends Dovekie and Stereo, Roger Charlton runs Zubrovka, and Paul Kelleway saddles Sober Mind.

Heart Of Joy to gain classic compensation

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

HEART Of Joy, who made such a splendid fight of it with Salsabil in the General Accident 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket before finally going down by three-quarters of a length, appears set for classic compensation in this afternoon's Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh.

Last week's successful favourite, Tirol, had to survive a photo-finish in the Irish 2,000 Guineas but if the handicappers, public and private alike, are correct in their estimation, Heart Of Joy should win today's race with something in hand.

At Newmarket, the first two home dominated the race as there was a five-length gap back to the third filly, Negligent, and the time was very fast.

Prior to that, Heart Of Joy had won an exciting three-way photo-finish to the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket, getting the better of In The Groove and Hasbah in a finish of two short heads.

On her running there, In The Groove could have been expected to be in the money in the 1,000 Guineas but she fretted her chances away and ran a most disappointing race to finish eighth.

Proof that this was not her true form was quickly forthcoming as, In The Groove upset the odds-on favourite, Sardegna, by 1½ lengths in the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York.

Encouraged by that performance, David Elsworth has elected to challenge Heart Of Joy for the third time this season and in doing so is chasing a unique trainer's double, only previously brought off by Martin Maloney as a jockey.

In 1950, Maloney rode Dominicks Bar to win the Irish Grand National and then scored on Princess Trudy in the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Elsworth landed the first leg of this double with Desert Orchid.

The sponsors would dearly love to see this race go to The Caretaker, who carried off the Cartier Million last season, beating Cullinan and Anshan handsomely.

She won her first start this year but, according to Dermot Weld, would prefer softer ground. She is, though, a filly of good quality and will stay the mile, which is more than can be said of Wedding Bouquet, who failed to last out the trip when fifth of 14 to Houseproud in the French 1,000 Guineas.

Aminata looks the only possible long-shot winner but, barring unforeseen circumstances, Heart Of Joy should win from In The Groove and The Caretaker.

Also on today's programme is the Goffs Premier Handicap, for three-year-old colts and geldings, which has a gross prize of Ir£250,000, making it the richest handicap ever run in Europe.

Entry was confined to yearlings sold by Goffs at their premier sale in September 1988 and Jimmy Fitzgerald may well have picked the plum when, for the smallest outlay of any of today's field, a mere 3,500 guineas, he acquired possession of Karazan.

As Michael Kinane cannot do the weight on Gaze Upon, he has been booked for Karazan, who was a very convincing winner of a £20,000 nursery at Redcar in October. There, he gave 12lb and a 2½-length beating to Arabian Silence.

The two top-weights, Lifewatch Vision (Walter Swinburn) and Bold Russian (Michael Hills), also represent English interest along with the Paul Cole-trained bottom-weight, African Chimes. Bold Russian, who scored in fast time over seven furlongs at Newmarket, looks the danger to Karazan.

● The Irish 1,000 Guineas will be shown live on BBC1 and Channel 4 and the Goffs Premier Handicap live on Channel 4.

CURRAGH RUNNERS

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

3.55 GOFFS IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: IR£127,300: 1m) (13 runners)

1 11440-3 AMINATA 22 (F,G) (Mrs O White) J Bolger 9-0 C Roche 12
2 132462- ANNIE LAURIE 199 (G) (T Ross) L Browne 9-0 P V Gilson 6
3 3010- HABIRA 199 (F) (H Pollmeier) P Mullins 9-0 S Craine 7
4 1-12 HEART OF JOY 22 (G,S) (J Mabee) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 2
5 213-201 IN THE GROOVE 11 (F) (B Cooper) D Elsworth 9-0 S Cauthen 1
6 013-03 LADY OF VISION 11 (F) (F O'Toole) J Hayden 9-0 D Gillespie 8
7 02-0322 NEEDY THATCH 35 (A D'Reilly) J Hayden 9-0 K J Manning 5
8 13424-4 PERFORMING ARTS 42 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 10
9 011-020 RING OF LIGHT 15 (F,G) (Exors of J Costelloe) K Connolly 9-0 P Shanahan 11
10 2121-00 TANWI 14 (G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) K Prendergast 9-0 W Harris 3
11 211-1 THE CARETAKER 14 (F,G,S) (M Juliet) D Weld 9-0 M Kinane 4
12 3211-10 WEDDING BOUQUET 13 (G,S) (Mrs J O'Brien) M V O'Brien 9-0 J Reid 9

8-11 Heart Of Joy, 4-1 In the Groove, 7-1 Wedding Bouquet, 10-1 The Caretaker, 16-1 Aminata, Performing Arts, 25-1 Tanwi, 33-1 others.

1989: ENSCONSE 9-0 R Cochrane (13-8 fav) L Cumani 13 ran

AMINATA 4½l 3rd of 8 to Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up Royal Academy in a Group III race here (7f, good) on her reappearance. HEART OF JOY beat IN THE GROOVE (same terms) a short-head in the Group III Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good) on reappearance; latest ¾l 2nd of 10 to Salsabil in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with IN THE GROOVE (same terms) 21¾l 8th. IN THE GROOVE beat Sardegna 1½l in the 5-runner Group III Musidora Stakes at York (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm). PERFORMING ARTS 3l 4th of 8 to Alidiva at Kempton (1m, good). THE CARETAKER beat Cullinan 3l in the Listed Cartier Million at Phoenix Park (7f, good to soft) on her final start last season; latest beat Free Thinker a head in a Listed race at Leopardstown (1m, good to firm).

WEDDING BOUQUET beat Remthat Naser 1½l in a 15-runner Group III race at Phoenix Park (7f, good to soft) on final start last season with IN THE GROOVE (same terms) 1l 3rd, PERFORMING ARTS (same terms) 4l 4th and HABIRA (same terms) 13th. Landed a Listed race by a neck from Shaguiline here (7f, good) on reappearance with RING OF LIGHT (5lb better off) 7th and TANWI (same terms) 11th; latest 3¾l 5th of 14 in the French 1,000 Guineas at Longchamp (1m, good).

Selection: HEART OF JOY

4.30 GOFFS PREMIER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: colts & geldings: IR£137,500: 1m) (16)

1 6232-12 LIFEWATCH VISION 31 (F,G) (A Gillespie) M Johnston 9-7 W R Swinburn 16
2 4364-1 BOLD RUSSIAN 39 (F,G) (Sir G White) B Hills 9-2 M Hills 9
3 1010-12 GILT NOTE 28 (F,G) (GE Racing) C Collins 8-10 P V Gilson 13
4 411-0 KARAZAN 45 (F,G) (J Dick) Jimmy FitzGerald 8-10 M J Kinane 7
5 1123-04 HERO'S WELCOME 24 (B,F,G) (M Dargan) N McGrath 8-8 C Roche 4
6 211082 GALWAY STAR 28 (B,S) (P Keary) P Mullins 8-4 S Craine 14
7 04311 BUNCH OF JOKERS 57 (G,S) (J Graham) D Murphy 8-3 D Gillespie 12
8 02-02 GILT THRONE 15 (GE Racing) C Collins 8-0 P Shanahan 6
9 03-1 GAZE UPON 33 (Mrs M Holleran) D Weld 7-11 A Munro 5
10 023-131 RATTLE AND HUM 25 (F) (M Hynes) M Grassick 7-11 R Hughes (5) 10
11 023 AFRICAN CHIMES 19 (S Crown) P Cole 7-7 T O'Sullivan (5) 11
12 40-003 KENMA COURT 35 (Mrs B Fecchino) L Browne 7-7 A Roche (3) 3
13 003 KING OF ZURICH 40 (L Mayer) K Prendergast 7-7 R Burke (5) 2
14 040-002 REUBEN JAMES 15 (B) (Miss A Halpen) N Meade 7-7 J Egan 15
15 034- REZA KHAN 196 (Mrs T Stack) T Stack 7-7 R Fox 1
16 0-00033 TELL A VISION 12 (J Mulhearn) J Mulhearn 7-7 N G [illegible] (4) 8

3-1 Karazan, 5-1 Lifewatch Vision, Bold Russian, 7-1 Gilt Note, 8-1 Bunch Of Jokers, 10-1 Gaze Upon, Galway Star, 12-1 African Chimes, Rattle And Hum, 14-1 Reza Khan, 18-1 Hero's Welcome, 20-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

LIFEWATCH VISION ran on well to beat King Al 3l in a 3-runner race at Thirsk (1m, firm); latest 2½l 2nd of 6 to Eton Lad at Epsom (1m 110yd, good). BOLD RUSSIAN beat Scatter 3l in a 14-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good).

GILT NOTE beat Boarding School a neck over today's course and distance (good) on reappearance with TELL A VISION (15lb better off) 11th; latest 3l 2nd of 6 to Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up Royal Academy in a Group III here (7f, good).

KARAZAN completed a double when beating Arabian Silence in a 15-runner nursery at Redcar (1m, good) on his final start last season; latest 5l 5th of 8 to Rama O'Beaute in a graduation race at Ripon (1m 1f, firm). BUNCH OF JOKERS beat Winning Heart 1½l in a 13-runner maiden at Limerick (7f, good) on reappearance and followed up with a 2l success from Nordic Special at Tipperary (7f, soft).

GILT THRONE beat Playing Safe 3l at Naas (7f, yielding) on seasonal bow; latest 4l 2nd to Twilight Agenda at Phoenix Park (7f, good). GAZE UPON lost his maiden status with a 2l defeat of Nordic Race in an 11-runner race at Sligo (7f, yielding). RATTLE AND HUM was recording his second success of the season when beating Castor ¾l at Navan (1m 2f, good to firm).

Selection: GILT NOTE

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Russian Frontier. 6.30 Lucedeo. 7.0 Burtonwood Harp. 7.30 Nikatino. 8.0 Auto Connection. 8.30 Sunday Sport Gem.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.0 Arpero. 6.30 Kissavos. 7.0 Burtonwood Harp. 7.30 Night-Shirt. 8.0 Auto Connection. 8.30 In A Whirl.

Going: firm (watering)
Draw: high numbers best up to 7f 140yd

6.0 BARBICAN HOLDINGS PLC APPRENTICE STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,721: 7f) (10 runners)

1 3-21 RUSSIAN FRONTIER 17 (D,G) B Hills 9-5 D Holland 5
2 01- VILLEROI 207 (G) G Harwood 9-5 G O'Neill (5) 3
3 125- ARPERO 238 (D,F) M Prescott 9-0 F Arrowsmith 2
4 0000 DERAILED 12 (B) C Austin 8-12 L Newton 4
5 3402 HUNZA'S CHOICE 49 P Mitchell 8-12 R Lawson (5) 7
6 00-06 MOUNTAIN WIND 12 J Sutcliffe 8-12 D Cripps (5) 10
7 0 NADI AL GADESIYA 21 G Huffer 8-12 D Wright (5) 9
8 0000 BLUEFONTAINE 35 P Howling 8-7 Debbie Biggs 6
9 0-00 BLUE ROOM 10 W Brooks 8-7 L Mahoney 1
10 3-60 MISS FEE FEE 26 P Howling 8-7 F Norton 8

7-4 Arpero, 11-4 Russian Frontier, 4-1 Villeroi, 7-1 Blue Room, 10-1 Miss Fee Fee, 12-1 Mountain Wind, 14-1 others.

6.30 BANNISTER HANDICAP (£3,302: 5f) (8)

1 4313 LUCEDEO 7 (D,F,G) J Spearing 6-10-1 G Husband (5) 3
2 0-00 PENDOR DANCER 5 (B,D,F,G) W Carter 7-8-10 J Williams 6
3 6-00 DISTANT RULER 23 (V,D,F,G,S) C Nelson 6-8-5 S Horsfall 2
4 2100 PRIMLEY PARKSON 16 (B,D,F,G) P Arthur 6-8-0 N Adams 1
5 [illegible] HARRY'S COMING 10 (C,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 6-7-10 W Carson 5
6 0-00 KISSAVOS 30 (F) N Callaghan 4-7-9 T Williams 4
7 1000 MURMURING 15 (C) S Dow 4-7-7 C Campbell (7) 7
8 0-00 EECEE TREE 47 (D,F,G) C Holmes 8-7-7 Dana Mellor 8

9-4 Lucedeo, 3-1 Distant Ruler, 9-2 Kissavos, 11-2 Murmuring, 8-1 Pendor Dancer, 10-1 Primley Parkson.

7.0 STAIRCASE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,511: 5f) (9)

1 0000 ERRIS EXPRESS 15 (D,F,G) F Durr 5-9-7 M Roberts 3
2 0060 ROYAL BEAR 5 (D,F,S) K Cunningham-Brown 8-9-0 J Williams 9
3 -001 DECEIT 12 (B,D,G) G Lewis 3-8-8 W Carson 5
4 -365 BURTONWOOD HARP 7 (D,F) M Tompkins 3-8-5 T Williams 2
5 -450 SHARP ANNE 25 (BF,D,F,G) J Berry 3-8-5 L Dettori 4
6 00- MAJESTIC JEM 375 R Hodges 4-8-4 T Quinn 6
7 0-00 MISS BATCHWORTH 7 R Akehurst 4-8-3 B Rouse 7
8 0-00 TIDDLY WINKS 23 R Smyth 3-8-2 M Jervey (7) 1
9 1440 HOT HOPE 17 (CD) J Bridger 3-8-0 N Adams 8

5-2 Burtonwood Harp, 11-4 Deceit, 6-1 Erris Express, 13-2 Miss Batchworth, 9-1 Sharp Anne, 11-1 Hot Hope.

7.30 CORRIDOR STAKES (£2,788: 1m 3f 106yd) (6)

1 0-00 DUTYFUL 28 (F) M Haynes 4-9-10 J Williams 4
2 0612 TIGER CLAW 28 (BF,F) R Hodges 4-9-10 W Carson 5
3 -413 NIGHT-SHIRT 12 (D,G) M Prescott 3-8-1 C Rutter 3
4 7000 SIR NICK 8 (B,C) N Callaghan 3-8-12 L Dettori 2
5 0-44 NIKATINO 12 (BF,D,F) R Akehurst 4-8-10 B Rouse 1
6 00-0 PULSINGH 12 (C,D,F,G) C Benstead 8-7-12 T Williams 6

9-4 Tiger Claw, 7-2 Sir Nick, 9-2 Night-Shirt, 6-1 Dutyful, 8-1 Nikatino, 10-1 Pulsingh.

8.0 HALL HANDICAP (£2,511: 1m 2f) (16)

1 112- WINDSOR PARK 134J (C,D,G) R O'Sullivan 4-10-0 G Husband (5) 1
2 2-14 SINCLAIR BOY 17 (D,F,S) B Hills 4-9-5 D Holland (7) 7
3 280- AUTO CONNECTION 201 (D,F) G Huffer 4-9-4 L Newton (7) 11
4 5-02 MUIRFIELD VILLAGE 16 S Dow 4-9-3 L Dettori 8
5 2253 AMETHYSTINE 15 (F) R Hodges 4-9-1 W Carson 2
6 5182 GIBBOT 10 (D,F,S) P Howling 5-9-1 J Williams 10
7 2102 CROSBY PLACE 14 (B,CD,F) M Haynes 4-8-12 S Dawson 16
8 -940 LADDERMAN 7 R Smyth 4-8-6 T Quinn 13
9 0-12 DR ZEVA 15 (D,F) J Jenkins 4-8-5 A Clark 5
10 1500 BIT OF A LASS 8 (CD,F) D Arbuthnot 4-8-2 M Roberts 12
11 4/00 MY REEF 25 (F) J Bostock 5-8-0 Dana Mellor 15
12 -4?4 SWEET FILLE 15 (BF,F,G,S) I Campbell 5-7-13 F Norton (7) 9
13 6320 DENITZ 58 (S) C Holmes 8-7-11 N Adams 6
14 -085 CHARCOAL BURNER 12 (F) B Millman 5-7-10 T Williams 14
15 5480 BASHAQ 15 (F) C Benstead 4-7-7 R Street 4
16 00-6 PATRICK JOHN LYONS 15 (B) P Arthur 9-7-7 Sarah Ingram (7) 3

7-2 Bit Of A Lass, 9-2 Amethystine, 5-1 Windsor Park, 13-2 Crosby Place, 8-1 Denitz, 10-1 Dr Zeva, 12-1 Ladderman.

8.30 EBF BUSTER & REAVLEY FILM COMPANY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,337: 6f) (7)

1 85 AL-KHAGOOLA 19 J Spearing 8-11 M Roberts 3
2 445 ALMASA 8 J Fox 8-11 J Williams 4
3 9 CIBOURE 11 N Usher 8-11 D Biller 5
4 HELENSVILLE M Jarvis 8-11 B Rouse 1
5 IN A WHIRL N Callaghan 8-11 L Dettori 6
6 6 MAMALAMA 19 L Holt 8-11 N Adams 7
7 2 SUNDAY SPORT GEM 7 J Berry 8-11 W Carson 2

2-1 Sunday Sport Gem, 11-4 Helensville, 4-1 In A Whirl, 6-1 Ciboure, 10-1 Mamalama, 12-1 Almasa, 16-1 Al-Khagoola.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: N Callaghan, 13 winners from 45 runners, 28.9%; G Harwood, 32 from 115, 27.8%; M Prescott, 6 from 25, 24.0%; R O'Sullivan, 6 from 29, 20.7%; B Hills, 12 from 61, 19.7%; R Akehurst, 30 from 187, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 12 winners from 45 rides, 26.7%; W Carson, 32 from 212, 15.1%; M Roberts, 14 from 96, 14.6%; T Quinn, 32 from 224, 14.3%; A Clark, 11 from 98, 11.2%. (Only qualifiers).

CARTMEL

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Ha'penny Nap. 2.50 Captain Mor. 3.25 Royal Mile. 4.0 Dalton Dandy. 4.35 Quassimi. 5.10 Kalshan.

Brian Beel's Selection: 4.0 Trematon.

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

2.15 SLB GROUP CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,688: 2m 7f) (9 runners)

1 RP-1 TARQOGAN'S BEST 14 (F,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-9 M Perrett
2 0012 HA'PENNY NAP 10 (F,G,S) C Beever 12-11-7 R Garritty (3)
3 2622 GLENDERRY 17 D Dutton 8-11-2 A Charlton (3)
4 4506 ISOBAR 14 (B,F) M Chapman 4-11-2 K Mooney
5 PF04 BOLD ANSWER 7 (F) Miss G Rees 7-11-1 W Worthington
6 50P5 DAUNTING PROSPECT 40 (S) M Chapman 6-11-1 J A Harris
7 4-6P ROVIGO 10 (B,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-1 C Grant
8 U006 FRENCH AGGRESSION 9 Mrs D Cathern 9-10-12 C Dennis (3)
9 4665 PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 28 R Juckes 4-10-4 A Juckes (7)

7-4 Ha'penny Nap, 2-1 Tarqogan's Best, 5-1 Glenderry, 6-1 Pontevecchio Bella, 12-1 Isobar, Rovigo, 16-1 others.

2.50 MARTEN JULIAN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,654: 2m 5f) (5)

1 1311 CAPTAIN MOR 17 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 8-11-10 C Grant
2 -323 SIR BADSWORTH 14 (CD,F,G) T Laxton 12-11-9 R McCourt
3 0012 PYJAMAS 10 (D,BF,F,G) G Richards 9-11-8 M Moloney (5)
4 4211 DOWNHILL RUN 15 (CD,F,G) J Birkett 9-11-3 A Jones
5 0432 EASTERN PLAYER 14 (C,F,G,S) Miss G Rees 7-10-0 W Worthington

15-8 Captain Mor, 11-4 Downhill Run, 3-1 Pyjamas, 5-1 Sir Badsworth, 8-1 Eastern Player.

3.25 BASS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,996: 2m 7f) (5)

1 1552 ROYAL MILE 23 (F,G) W A Stephenson 5-11-10 C Grant
2 4613 VALIANT DASH 10 (C,F) S Kettlewell 4-10-5 R Garritty (3)
3 3141 JUSTICE LEA 23 (F) T Cuthbert 10-10-3 Carol Cuthbert (7)
4 1005 TREBONKERS 31 (F,S) J S Wilson 8-10-3 D Peate (7)
5 0345 COLONEL POPSKI 56 (C,F,S) Miss G Rees 8-10-0 W Worthington

5-4 Royal Mile, 7-2 Justice Lea, 4-1 Valiant Dash, 11-2 Trebonkers, 20-1 Colonel Popski.

4.0 BASS MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,527: 3m 1f) (10)

1 AMY'S MYSTERY Clifford Thompson 9-12-0 S Charlton (7)
2 [illegible] CASH AND GOLD 11 R Lowe 12-12-0 G [illegible] (7)
3 3FR2 DALTON DANDY 11 V Hall 8-12-0 P Jenkins (7)
4 080/ DR CORNELIUS 1059 N Saville 9-12-0 Miss C Richardson (7)
5 0?P- JUST BROOK 425 D Hutchinson 11-12-0 R Ford (7)
6 LETHAL WEAPON W A Stephenson 6-12-0 [illegible] (7)
7 WINDMILL COTTAGE T Robson 6-12-0 —
8 PPU/ WINTERS SOVEREIGN 986 N Hargreave 10-12-0 N Hargreave (7)
9 0/U6 CHANTEZ-LES BAS 53 J Swinbank 10-11-9 N Swinbank (7)
10 PF-F TREMATON 387 Miss A Green 7-11-9 [illegible] (7)

6-4 Dalton Dandy, 2-1 Lethal Weapon, 5-1 Windmill Cottage, 8-1 Cash And Gold, 12-1 others.

4.35 EMRAL STUD NOVICES CHASE (£2,388: 2m 1f) (3)

1 112P QUASSIMI 9 (BF,F) G Richards 6-11-9 G McCourt
2 [illegible] ALMERIMAR 14 N Henderson 6-11-1 R Dunwoody
3 [illegible] SHERINGHAM HOUSE 105 J White 7-11-1 D Morris

4-5 Quassimi, Evens Almerimar, 4-1 Sheringham House.

5.10 TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE (£1,800: 2m 1f) (8)

1 -211 KALSHAN 22 (D,F) M Pipe 6-11-11 M Perrett
2 4122 GENTLEMAN'S JIG 14 (BF,F) J Edwards 5-11-7 N Williamson
3 [illegible] GREAT LAW 14 (F) W A Stephenson 5-11-7 C Grant
4 3344 CHARLOU'S CHOICE 16 R Juckes 6-11-3 A Juckes (7)
5 0080 CLEVER SHEPHERD 9 G Richards 5-11-3 G McCourt
6 [illegible] COCK-A-DOODLE-DO 14 (BL,BF,G) J Williams 4-11-2 A Orkney
7 [illegible] COQUETA 40 (D,G) E Alston 6-11-2 M [illegible]
8 NO MORE THE FOOL 7F J Berry 4-10-12 R Supple

4-11 Kalshan, 9-2 Gentleman's Jig, 6-1 Great Law, 7-1 No More The Fool, 14-1 Cock-A-Doodle-Do, Coqueta, 25-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 6 winners from 11 runners, 54.5%; J Edwards, 4 from 9, 44.4%; J Berry, 5 from 15, 33.3%; T Laxton, 4 from 12, 33.3%; G Richards, 11 from 37, 29.7%; W A Stephenson, 13 from 71, 18.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 3 from 13, 23.1%; C Grant, 10 from 48, 20.8%. (Only qualifiers).

● *Geoff Huffer's Ile De Nisky (Michael Kinane) and Geoff Wragg's Jehol (Gary Carter) carry British hopes in the £43,956 group two Grosser* Preis Der Wirtschaft (1m 3f) at Baden-Baden tomorrow. Ben Hanbury has declared Per Quod but he is unlikely to run because of the firm ground.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.15 Sports Post Lady. 6.45 Land Sun. 7.15 Thirty First. 7.45 Black Sapphire. 8.15 Magic Flame. 8.45 Night Of Stars.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.15 Petitesse. 6.45 Midsummer Common. 7.45 Black Sapphire. 8.15 Magic Flame. 8.45 Night Of Stars.

Going: good to firm (with firm patches)
Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best

6.15 PACKWOOD MAIDEN AUCTION GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,060: 5f) (9 runners)

1 BOXIT P Burgoyne 8-9 S Whitworth 7
2 40 GREEN BUCK 26 B Palling 8-8 R Price (3) 5
3 6 PANAMA PATTI 7 R Hollinshead 8-7 K Darley 8
4 44 FIORENTIA 6 M Usher 8-6 C Rutter 3
5 TEANARCO R Holder 8-5 J Quinn 6
6 TURBO-R M Channon 8-5 R Curant 4
7 ATLANTIC WAY C Hill 8-3 G Hind (5) 9
8 PETITESSE G Blum 8-3 A Shoults 2
9 22 SPORTS POST LADY 28 (BF) J Berry 8-2 M Wallace (3) 1

11-8 Sports Post Lady, 9-2 Fiorentia, 5-1 Teanarco, 7-1 Turbo-R, 8-1 Atlantic Way, 12-1 Panama Patti, 14-1 others.

6.45 MAN APPEAL SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,511: 6f) (11)

1 0 BUZ'S BET 19 L Holt 8-11 C Avery (7) 5
2 2 JOE BLOW 11 W Pearce 8-11 D Nicholls 11
3 0641 LAND SUN 5 (F) M Channon 8-11 C Rutter 10
4 MARBLE HILL P Burgoyne 8-11 J Carter 2
5 042 ARRIVEZ DEUX 18 J Wharton 8-6 A Mackay 6
6 FIRE OF TROY R Holder 8-6 J Quinn 8
7 6 FRIMLEY DANCER 26 C Hill 8-6 G Hind (5) 1
8 GALLERY LADY J Wharton 8-6 A Shoults 7
9 62 MIDSUMMER COMMON 11 D Morley 8-6 R Whitworth 9
10 0 NO QUESTIONS 21 J Berry 8-6 K Darley 4
11 0 PARSONSANNCO 58 K Ivory 8-6 G Bardwell 3

11-4 Land Sun, 3-1 Joe Blow, 5-1 Frimley Dancer, 6-1 No Questions, 8-1 Midsummer Common, 12-1 Arrivez Deux.

7.15 JOHN CHILDS BELACO DURON HANDICAP (£3,523: 1m 6f 180yd) (5)

1 40-0 THIRTY FIRST 29 (F) J Dunlop 5-9-10 W Newnes 3
2 -346 PHILJOY 17 C W Elsey 4-8-6 Dale Gibson (3) 5
3 0426 GO SOUTH 17 (B,F,G) J Jenkins 6-8-6 N Day 4
4 040- ILE DE REINE 346 H Candy 4-8-3 C Rutter 1
5 -863 HEAR A NIGHTINGALE 12 (V,S) T Thomson Jones 5-7-10 A Mackay 2

15-8 Hear A Nightingale, 3-1 Thirty First, 7-2 Philjoy, 9-2 Go South, 7-1 Ile De Reine.

7.45 METZELER (UK) LTD HANDICAP (£2,880: 1m 2f 170yd) (7)

1 0-10 TOUCHING STAR 46 (CD,F,G) F Jordan 5-9-10 T Rabid (7) 4
2 40-0 PEAK DISTRICT 56 K Bridgwater 4-9-3 M A Giles (5) 2
3 -301 BLACK SAPPHIRE 18 (D,F) J Fanshawe 3-9-1 N Day 7
4 222- SUM MEDE 299 (C,F) R Hannon 3-9-0 A McGlone 1
5 0-00 THE MAGUE 11 (B,CD,F,G) Miss L Siddall 6-8-10 K Fallon 5
6 0-30 TAYLOR'S REALM 15 (C,F) H Collingridge 4-8-10 J Quinn 3
7 0105 PERSIAN DYNASTY 5 (C,D,F) J Bradley 6-7-11 — 6

7-4 Black Sapphire, 4-1 Sum Mede, 6-1 Persian Dynasty, 7-1 Peak District, The Mague, Touching Star, 8-1 Taylor's Realm.

8.15 RADWAY STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,125: 1m)(17)

1 40-1 STATE OF AFFAIRS 35 (D,F) R Hollinshead 8-11 K Darley 7
2 60 CHIEFS KRAAL 19 J Jenkins 8-9 N Day 1
3 [illegible] DANCING BREEZE 7 Pat Mitchell 8-8 K Fallon 11
4 0202 CEE-JAY-AY 19 J Berry 8-8 — 6
5 0000 ATLANTIC CLEAR 7 B Palling 8-6 R Price (3) 16
6 00 INTO THE FUTURE 37 J Toller 8-6 Dale Gibson (3) 17
7 0005 ROUBIQ 7 J Payne 8-6 W Newnes 13
8 0602 ALICANTE 8 Pat Mitchell 8-4 C Rate 8
9 152 MAGIC FLAME 29 (BF,F) E Eldin 8-4 A Mackay 3
10 EXECUTIVE LADY I Campbell 8-3 D Biggs (5) 5
11 4-00 STANDING ROOM ONLY 18 H Candy 8-2 C Rutter 14
12 05-6 BAYBEEJAY 30 H Collingridge 8-0 J Quinn 10
13 00-0 NORABLASSIE 26 H Collingridge 8-0 — 12
14 00- KLAIROVER 229 C Hill 7-13 G Hind (5) 6
15 00-0 KNIGHT OF KIRKTON 18 R Hannon 7-13 A McGlone 9
16 00-0 MESCADO 19 F Yardley 7-13 P Burke 11
17 000- THEY ALL FORGOT ME 224 R Hannon 7-13 G Bardwell 2

3-1 Magic Flame, 4-1 State Of Affairs, 5-1 Standing Room Only, Alicante, 7-1 Baybeejay, 8-1 Atlantic Clear, 10-1 others.

8.45 BRITISH TIMKEN STAKES (Amateurs: £2,721: 1m) (20)

1 BUMPTIOUS BOY 15J A J Wilson 6-10-9 Joanna Winter 3
2 1643 CONCERT PITCH 19 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 11-10-9 Katharine Christopher (5) 11
3 0-00 GO ON SMILE 22 (D,F) A Scott 4-10-9 Tanya Boscoghile (5) 13
4 /05- KURDISH PRINCE 324 M Charles 6-10-9 Judy Davies (5) 18
5 4000 LONG BAY 13 (F,G) H Collingridge 5-10-9 — 9
6 000- PEARDAY 303 (D,F,G,S) Lady Herries 9-10-9 Claire Nicholls (7) 19
7 00/ PECHE D'OR 104J B Hills 6-10-9 Fiona Haynes (5) 4
8 000- SAPIDARIS 218J B Cambidge 4-10-9 Mrs H Noonan (5) 14
9 0-00 SAALIB 7 Pat Mitchell 7-10-9 N Mitchell (5) 2
10 205- SOVEREIGN ROCKET 321 (D,F) G Harwood 5-10-9 Gaye Harwood (5) 12
11 -000 THE COTTAGE 11 D Morris 5-10-9 Linda Croft (5) 5
12 3251 THUNDERING 7 (D,S) A Jones 5-10-9 Diana Jones 10
13 00-0 WOODLANDS GREY 81 P Pritchard 4-10-8 Teresa Spearing (5) 10
14 400- BILLSHA 18J (BF) B Cambidge 4-10-4 J Cambidge 6
15 00-0 DATURA 15 (F) A Chamberlain 4-10-4 Amanda Harwood 8
16 03-0 HENRIETTA PLACE 81 (B,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-10-4 R Pritchard-Gordon (5) 1
17 LACE PARASOL 874 C Holmes 4-10-4 Lucy Vallero (5) 7
18 0-00 LOTS OF LUCK 19 (D,F) J Pearce 7-10-4 Lydia Pearce 17
19 0000 MY DIAMOND RING 21 (D,F) M Usher 5-10-4 Amie Usher (5) 20
20 1 NIGHT OF STARS 28 (D,F) N Graham 4-10-4 Jason Abraham (5) 15

9-4 Night Of Stars, 3-1 Sovereign Rocket, 7-2 Go On Smile, 8-1 Lots Of Luck, 12-1 Billsha, Concert Pitch, 14-1 Thundering.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Miss L Siddall, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; J Berry, 13 from 54, 24.1%; J Dunlop, 14 from 64, 21.9%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 5 from 32, 15.6%; B Hills, 11 from 72, 15.3%; H Collingridge, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: D Nicholls, 5 winners from 15 rides, 33.3%; D Biggs, 3 from 13, 23.1%; W Newnes, 8 from 64, 12.5%; S Whitworth, 11 from 88, 12.4%. (Only qualifiers).

HEXHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Blakesware Gold. 2.30 Windy Ash. 3.0 Full Strength. 3.30 Bixio. 4.0 Trigpoint Charlie. 4.30 Candlebright.

Going: firm

2.0 FEDERATION BREWERY LEGEND LA NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m) (3 runners)

1 P141 BLAKESWARE GOLD 14 (CD,F,G) G Moore 12-2 J Callaghan (5)
2 U2U5 FULL MONTY 16 (BF) Denys Smith 11-0 D Crossman (7)
3 3504 ELA-AYABI-MOU 8 A Reid 10-9 P Barnard (5)

4-6 Full Monty, 3-1 Ela-Ayabi-Mou, 4-1 Blakesware Gold.

2.30 SHIRE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m) (6)

1 0F44 INDISPENSABLE 14 W Storey 5-11-12 K Doolan
2 P006 NORTHERN HALO 45 (B,D,F) G Ham 9-11-8 B Powell
3 U55- WINDY ASH 619 M Pipe 7-11-8 —
4 3300 TAP DANCING 30F M O'Neill 4-11-5 J O'Gorman (5)
5 0304 LUCKY LENA 10 S Torr 10-11-4 P Harley (7)
6 PPFF NIGHT TIME GIRL 8 W Young 7-10-5 B Storey

5-4 Windy Ash, 4-1 Tap Dancing, 5-1 Indispensable, Northern Halo, 8-1 Lucky Lena, 16-1 Night Time Girl.

3.0 FEDERATION SPECIAL ALE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,157: 2m) (3)

1 0111 FULL STRENGTH 10 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 7-12-0 N Doughty
2 4022 ALISTAIRS GIRL 10 (B,G,S) W Reed 7-10-6 —
3 401F LINGHAM DUKE 17 (D,F) J Swiers 9-10-0 J Callaghan (5)

Evens Full Strength, 9-4 Alistair's Girl, 3-1 Lingham Duke.

3.30 JACK FAWCUS CHALLENGE CUP MAIDEN HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,604: 3m) (10)

1 0UP0 ABANDON HOPE 17 J Thorpe 8-12-0 S Dixon (7)
2 0572 BIXIO 21 (B) J Charlton 8-12-0 P Evans (7)
3 P BOLD FRED 43 R Eckley 8-12-0 T Richards (7)
4 BY BRAVE BANNER 754 J Parkes 8-12-0 C Farrell (7)
5 /U0 WILL KNOCK 28 J Thompson 8-12-0 P Craggs
6 0048 MUCK OR MONEY 47 J Charlton 5-12-0 S Swiers (5)
7 F025 SCOTS GAP 108 A Stringer 5-12-0 N Wilson (7)
8 /U WITERO 721 Miss Z Green 7-12-0 N Flanagan (7)
9 0 JANILLE 8 P Liddle 5-11-9 —
10 6 POCKET JAMMER 10 M O'Neill 4-11-2 —

7-4 Bixio, 7-2 Brave Banner, 5-1 Muck Or Money, Pocket Jammer, 8-1 Scots Gap, 10-1 others.

4.0 FEDERATION LCL PILS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,427: 2m 4f) (3)

1 4U21 TRIGPOINT CHARLIE 17 (D,F,G) W A Stephenson 10-11-10 S O'Donovan (5)
2 1U05 WILD ARGOSY 9 (B,D,F,G,S) T Ell 11-10-7 Gary Lyons (3)
3 4062 IMPAGE 21 (CD,F,G,S) S Leadbetter 12-10-1 B Storey

4-5 Trigpoint Charlie, 2-1 Wild Argosy, 5-1 Impage.

4.30 JOURNAL RACING EXTRA HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,810: 2m) (9)

1 2801 CANDLEBRIGHT 15 (D,G,S) G Richards 8-12-0 N Doughty
2 100P HOGAN'S RUN 9 (D,F) Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-13 J Kinane
3 -615 ALIGALLO 32 (F) C Parker 6-10-13 B Storey
4 622P MASTER SALESMAN 35 (D,F) F Watson 7-10-8 —
5 6014 SONSIE MO 19 (D,BF,F) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-8 N Smith (5)
6 4FP1 WHAT IF 11 (D,F) D Brennan 6-10-8 M Brennan
7 PP22 TOUCH OF SPEED 127 (D,F) H Whiting 8-10-0 D Byrne
8 3221 HEAVENLY HOOFER 14 (D,F,G) W Storey 7-10-0 K Doolan
9 5F24 JOYFULNESS 19 (B,D,F) P Beven 5-10-0 T Wall

11-4 Heavenly Hoofer, 4-1 Sonsie Mo, 5-1 Hogan's Run, 7-1 Aligallo, Candlebright, 10-1 Master Salesman, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Moore, 23 winners from 66 runners, 34.8%; G Richards, 26 from 119, 21.8%; J Swiers, 3 from 14, 21.4%; W A Stephenson, 45 from 270, 16.7%; F Watson, 9 from 65, 13.8%; Denys Smith, 8 from 58, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: J Callaghan, 4 winners from 16 rides, 25.0%; M Doughty, 10 from 50, 20.0%; D Byrne, 4 from 26, 15.4%; Mr S Swiers, 3 from 22, 13.6%; J Kinane, 5 from 44, 11.4%; K Doolan, 6 from 57, 10.5%.

Osman Express looks likely winner for Dare

By Brian Beel

OF THE eight remaining point-to-point fixtures, five will be run this weekend with three of those today. Both of the leaders, seemingly unassailable, for this year's riding championships, Mike Felton and Alison Dare, are likely to be in action at the New Forest meeting at Larkhill.

Felton has four mounts at the meeting: Sutton Prince in the open, Media Leader (adjacent), Nearly A Queen (restricted) and Al-Khalida (maiden).

On Osman Express in the restricted, Miss Dare should get the better of Felton but in the ladies' open, on Romulex, she could meet her match if Nearly Handy starts with Minette Hill aboard.

It would have been more appropriate at the Dulverton East if the Chepstow hunter chase winner, Late Session, had run in the open but he is an entry only for the hunt race where he will have a virtual walkover against unregistered hunters and other very moderate opposition.

Gerry Doyle and Gathabawn appear to be the principal contenders for the ladies' open although Modern Music could be in the line-up. Gerry Doyle had been carrying all before him until unaccountably beaten by Modern Music at Holnicote.

Cricklewood Chris has an opportunity to win either of his engagements, the adjacent or the adjacent restricted. His absence would, respectively, be to the benefit of Mustard and Columbique.

Timber Tool, with 10 wins to his credit so far, could ensure that his name goes down in point-to-point history as the leading horse in 1990 by winning at the Tredegar Farmers.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Dulverton East, Mounsey Hill Gate, 4m N of Dulverton (first race 2.0); New Forest, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury (2.0); Tredegar Farmers, Llantarnam, 4m N of Newport (4.0).

Racing next week

MONDAY: **Sandown Park, Doncaster, Redcar, Chepstow, Leicester,** Cartmel, Wetherby, Fakenham, Hereford, Huntingdon, Uttoxeter, Devon & Exeter, Fontwell Park, †Hexham.
TUESDAY: **†Sandown Park, Redcar, Leicester,** †Uttoxeter.
WEDNESDAY: **Brighton, †Ripon,** Cartmel.
THURSDAY: **Carlisle, Brighton.**
FRIDAY: **Newcastle, Hamilton Park, Nottingham, †Goodwood, †Stratford.**
SATURDAY: **Lingfield Park, Edinburgh,** Stratford, †Market Rasen.
Flat meetings in bold
† Denotes evening meeting

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Orvietto to complete swift treble

By MANDARIN
(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

FOLLOWING successive victories at Lingfield and York, **Orvietto**, from Neville Callaghan's shrewdly-run Newmarket yard, is napped to win the Tote Credit Silver Bowl at Haydock today in the hands of that good young rider Dale Gibson who rode him when he won on the Surrey track.

On that occasion, both horse and jockey could only have benefited from the enormously reassuring experience, so easily was that win accomplished.

Passing the winning post they were ajudged to have five lengths in hand; yet it could well have been double that.

Not surprisingly, Callaghan wasted little time in cashing in again while Orvietto was still able to race off the same mark, albeit with a penalty.

But even the additional 5lb did not prevent him from winning the Sledmere Handicap at York which beforehand had all the makings of being a wide-open event. Yet Orvietto turned it into a one-horse race the second that he was produced with his run.


Neville Callaghan: saddles strongly-fancied Orvietto

To the casual observer, it may not seem that the handicapper has tried to catch up with Orvietto, now that he will be carrying only 7st 7lb.

In fact, he has, because a study of the official ratings will show that he has gone up 7lb as a result of that victory on the Knavesmire. It is my view that even that readjustment will not prevent him from winning again now.

That race around the left-handed bend at York will have helped to put him wise to what he can expect this afternoon when the field hurtles into what is a tighter bend at Haydock.

The pick of the opposition would appear to be El Paso, conqueror of the Dante Stakes fourth, Laxey Bay, in a handicap at Newmarket and Ruling Passion, from Michael Stoute's stable, which despatched Safawan to win the corresponding race 12 months ago.

A more likely winner for Stoute and Paul Eddery, though, may be **Patience Camp** in the Lymm Stakes. After testing everyone's patience, she eventually came good last year and is worth following in this sort of company.

In the Sandy Lane Stakes, I shall not look beyond **Tod**, who beat the talented Dayjur by a head in a similar race at Newbury eight days ago. Afterwards Tod's trainer, Jack Berry, intimated that he felt that his horse would come on for the race.

Well that Case Law and Flower Girl both won at Newmarket last Saturday, Flower Girl in the faster time but with 10lb less on her back, I still prefer Tod, knowing that he excelled at Newbury to beat a race-fit and sparkling Dayjur on his seasonal debut.

Anyone who thought that trials for this year's Derby ended with the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood on Wednesday, has another think coming to them.

Alec Stewart has clearly not given up hope of getting Kaheel shipshape in time to be at the start at Epsom on D-Day. With that in mind the highly-rated Caro colt, who was runner-up to Shavian at Ascot in his only race as a two-year-old, will contest the Crawley Warren Heron Stakes at Kempton.

My inclination, though, is to go for **Lord Florey** who impressed so much at Newmarket first time out, even though today's opposition also includes Palace Street, who finished a respectable fifth in the 1,000 Guineas.

Drumhead, my selection for the Crawley Warren Handicap, was an impressive winner of the Queen's Prize over this same course and distance at Easter.

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 4.0 Airedale. DONCASTER: 2.45 Deauville Duchess, 4.20 Bookcase. LINGFIELD PARK: 6.0 Derailed. SOUTHWELL: 5.50 Harvest Minstrel, Martini's Courier, Taskforce Fixed It, Llennodo. 8.50 Sandy Storm.

Rock Hopper regains place as joint-favourite for Derby

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ROCK Hopper has been restored to joint-favouritism for the Derby after taking a stroll round Newmarket Heath yesterday morning. "Rock Hopper's fine," said Michael Stoute yesterday. "He banged his bottom in his box and had a slight bruise on a prominent muscle on the left-hand side below the tail."

Maktoum Al-Maktoum's colt had been backed from 16-1 to favouritism for the big race since his victory in the Lingfield Derby Trial. But he eased slightly in the betting yesterday following a report that he had missed his Wednesday morning workout owing to a slight setback.

To miss a couple of days' work a fortnight before the Derby is no great hardship and indeed a similar incident occurred when Nashwan was out of action for a couple of days before last year's Epsom victory.

On receipt of this news, Ladbrokes cut Rock Hopper's odds from 5-1 to 4-1, at which price he shares favouritism with Razeen. They then go 6-1 Zoman, 7-1 Linamix, 8-1 Blue Stag and 12-1 Quest For Fame.

Confirming that Razeen had taken his Goodwood race well, Henry Cecil yesterday reiterated what he had said after the Predominate Stakes. "I still feel that the Derby might come too soon for Razeen. I'd have been much more confident if the race was in another three weeks. But, of course, it isn't."

The principal action at Newmarket yesterday concerned Theatrical Charmer, who, ridden by Willie Carson impressed all watchers in a sparkling 10-furlong gallop with his usual workmate, Sky Conqueror (Taffy Thomas).

Alex Scott's impressive Newmarket Stakes winner remains on target for the Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly on Sunday week for which Anvari is another likely Newmarket challenger. Carson will attempt to repeat his 1980 win on Policeman in France's premier classic if, as seems likely, Pat Eddery is claimed to ride for Khaled Abdulla.

"Willie rang me from Newmarket," said Joe Mercer, racing manager for Maktoum Al-Maktoum. "He was very, very impressed and would love to ride if wanted."

The Crown Prince of Dubai is now in with a fine chance of winning both the English and French Derbys to add to Shareef Dancer's win in the Irish Derby in 1983.

Eddery four-timer

Pat Eddery completed a 923-1 four-timer in the first four races at Haydock Park yesterday, his only mounts at the meeting, before flying to Ponteract for two rides at the evening meeting. The champion jockey won on Star Of The Future and Middle Kingdom for Barry Hills and the Ron Boss-trained pair, Iksab and Jadeite.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
1.30 Modest Hope.
2.00 Tod.
2.30 ORVIETTO (nap).
3.00 Patience Camp.
3.30 Ikteshaf.
4.00 Airedale.
4.30 Cantoris.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Modest Hope.
2.00 Flower Girl.
2.30 Orvietto.
3.00 Patience Camp.
3.30 Ikteshaf.
4.00 Duggan.
4.30 Cantoris.

By Michael Seely
2.30 Orvietto. 4.00 AIREDALE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 TOD.

Going: good to firm Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best, SIS meeting

1.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY HANDICAP (Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £3,525: 1m 4f) (7 runners) BBC1

101 (1) 81810-0 GLAZERITE 22 (F,G) (P Glazerite Ltd) R Guest 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 96
102 (4) 05-50 AL DAMOUR 12 (Mrs K Richards) L Cumani 9-4 ... J Fortune (5) 92
103 (5) 10 LOCAL DERBY 17 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 9-3 ... Dean McKeown 94
104 (6) 0-032 MODEST HOPE 12 (BF) (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-1 ... B Raymond 91
105 (3) 031-65 FRENCH BAY 17 (H Collis) D Haydn Jones 8-10 ... T Williams [illegible]
106 (2) 801-35 HARD TO NAME 12 (F) (Exors of the late Mr C Blackwell) E Eldin 8-6 ... R Cochrane ● 99
107 (7) 040-1 EMVEN 39 (D,F) (K Nunn) C Britain 8-3 ... B Marcus 94

BETTING: 9-4 Modest Hope, 7-2 Hard To Name, 4-1 Al Damour, 6-1 Emven, 8-1 Local Derby, 10-1 Glazerite, 14-1 French Bay.

1989: RASHTOUN 8-5 Pat Eddery (5-2 fav) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS GLAZERITE won a Yarmouth (1m, good) nursery last term but needs to improve significantly on distant last of 9 to El Paso on Newmarket (1m, good to firm).
LOCAL DERBY got up close home to beat Kisu Kali a neck on Newcastle (1m 2f 40yd, firm) with AL DAMOUR (1lb worse off) a never nearer 2½l 5th.
MODEST HOPE came under pressure early but responded well to finish a ½l 2nd to Chambros at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm) with HARD TO NAME a 9¾l 6th and AL DAMOUR a 11l 8th. Weighted to confirm placings today.
FRENCH BAY stayed on towards finish when a 18l 5th to Warm Feeling at Chester (1m 4f 65yd, good) where a disappointing LOCAL DERBY (1lb worse off) finished 7l further back in 7th. EMVEN makes handicap debut after staying on well to beat Points of Law a head in a Beverley (1m 4f, firm) maiden.
Selection: MODEST HOPE (nap)

2.0 SANDY LANE STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £10,965: 6f) (8 runners) BBC1

201 (5) 11150-2 HAUNTING BEAUTY 36 (F) (Triangle Ltd) M Stoute 8-12 ... Paul Eddery 91
202 (7) 390-500 BRISAS 18 (B,C,F,G) (B Cann) T Fairhurst 8-11 ... G Baxter 75
203 (6) 0-11121 CASE LAW 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Thompson) Sir Mark Prescott 8-11 ... G Duffield 92
204 (1) 4-33325 ELA-YEMOU 9 (B,D,F) (Winning Post Rac Ltd) C Allen 8-11 ... R Morse 87
205 (2) 4603-50 SHEER PRECOCITY 9 (CD,F) (P Barr) F Lee 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 84
206 (4) 14210-1 TOD 8 (D,F) (C Fry) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll ● 99
207 (3) 12463-0 BETWEEN THE STICKS 8 (F,G) (P Shilton) M Tompkins 8-8 ... R Cochrane 74
208 (8) 130-421 FLOWER GIRL 7 (D,F) (W Gredley) H Thomson Jones 8-8 ... B Marcus 83

BETTING: 11-4 Tod, 10-3 Haunting Beauty, 4-1 Case Law, 6-1 Sheer Precocity, 6-1 Flower Girl, 10-1 Ela-Yemou, 14-1 Between The Sticks, 20-1 others.

1989: KERRERA 9-0 Pat Eddery (10-11 fav) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS HAUNTING BEAUTY won the Group III Molecomb at Goodwood (5f, firm) last term and reverts to sprinting after creditable 8l 2nd to Salsabil on Newbury (7f 60yd, good) reappearance.
CASE LAW continued on upgrade with an impressive 3l defeat of Pinnacle Point at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) latest.
SHEER PRECOCITY had FLOWER GIRL (1lb) and BRISAS (24lb) well behind when a good 5½l 3rd to Osario in a valuable Redcar (6f, good) event last October. Not disgraced in 2 outings this term weakening final furlong when 8¾l 7th to Easy Prep at York (7f, good). TOD kept on well to beat previous easy Nottingham scorer Dayjur on Newbury (6f, good to firm) reappearance where BETWEEN THE STICKS lost all chance when stumbling 3f out. A reproduction of that effort will make him difficult to beat.
FLOWER GIRL had BRISAS back in 7th when a running on 2l 2nd to Dayjur on penultimate outing at Nottingham (6f, good to firm) and showed improved form to beat Local Lass 4l at Newmarket (6f).
Selection: TOD

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
C Wall	3	11	27.3	R Cochrane	16	81	19.8
B Hanbury	11	45	24.4	Dean McKeown	12	94	12.8
P Calver	6	26	23.1	B Raymond	15	119	12.6
M Stoute	18	78	23.1	G Duffield	15	124	12.1
M Prescott	5	22	22.7	Dale Gibson	3	25	12.0
L Cumani	10	48	20.8	K Darley	17	164	10.4

(Not including yesterday's results)

2.30 TOTE CREDIT SILVER BOWL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £19,087: 1m 40yd) (9 runners) BBC1

301 (1) 31-51 EL PASO 22 (D,F) (J Kenny) L Cumani 9-7 ... J Fortune (5) 92
302 (6) 318-53 MARIENSKI 15 (F) (The Queen) W Hern 8-7 ... B Raymond 90
303 (3) 61000-0 PACIFIC GEM 16 (F) (Laharna Ltd) P Calver 7-12 ... N Carlisle 89
304 (9) 80101-2 SILVERDALE FOX 38 (C,F,S) (A White) R Hollinshead 7-12 ... G Hind (5) 92
305 (4) 1-3 RULING PASSION 28 (F) (P Savill) M Stoute 7-12 ... K Darley 93
306 (2) 050-11 APPELANIA 10 (D,G) (J Ellis) M Tompkins 7-11 ... T Williams 93
307 (7) 2143-51 CASHTAL DAZZLER 7 (D,F) (G Atkinson) J Berry 7-7 ... L Charnock 96
308 (8) 065-011 ORVIETTO 11 (F) (M Benacerraf) N Callaghan 7-7 ... Dale Gibson (3) ● 99
309 (5) 1-88105 EUCHAN GLEN 9 (F,G) (R Johnstone) J S Wilson 7-7 ... J Quinn 98

BETTING: 5-2 Orivetto, 7-2 Ruling Passion, 9-2 El Paso, 6-1 Appelania, 8-1 Marienski, 10-1 Cashtal Dazzler, 12-1 Silverdale Fox, 14-1 others.

1989: SAFAWAN 3-8-11 Pat Eddery (11-2) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM FOCUS EL PASO overcame trouble in running to get up on line and beat Laxey Bay a short-head at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). Has scope for further improvement.
MARIENSKI came home best of those on the far side when a 5¾l 3rd to the progressive Norwich at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). Should appreciate the extra furlong here. SILVERDALE FOX a hampered 5l 2nd to Dawson City on Ayr (1m2f, heavy) reappearance. More exposed than some of these.
RULING PASSION beat Lars Porsena 1½l at Nottingham (6f, firm) on only outing last term and should strip fitter for 2½l 3rd to Field Glass on Sandown (1m, good to firm). Looks nicely weighted, stable took this event last term.
APPELANIA continued on upgrade with a head defeat of Zammah at York (1m, good) but faces stiffer opposition today. CASHTAL PRESSURE pulled hard early on but responded well to pressure when making all to beat Pastoral Style 1l at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). ORVIETTO impressed with a smooth defeat of Lord Of Tusmore at York (1m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: ORVIETTO

3.0 LYMM STAKES (£3,590: 2m 35yd) (5 runners)

401 (5) 61131-0 REGAL REFORM 11 (D,F) (R Wheeler) G Moore 7-8-5 ... Dean McKeown 96
402 (1) 225112- PATIENCE CAMP 204 (D,F) (J Greetham) M Stoute 4-8-0 ... Paul Eddery ● 99
403 (2) 3322/50 AMBUSCADE 11 (Mrs L Firth) G Moore 4-8-2 ... — 86
404 (4) 242303- DIAMOND PATH 255 (Robinson Publications Ltd) N Tinkler 4-8-2 ... K Darley 95
405 (6) 2 GRACE CARD 15J (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 4-8-2 ... G Hind (5) 77
406 (3) 0- JOLEJESTER 164J (E Barber) C W Elsey 5-7-13 ... G Duffield —

BETTING: 4-7 Patience Camp, 4-1 Grace Card, 7-1 Regal Reform, 12-1 Diamond Path, 14-1 Jolejester, 16-1 Ambuscade.

1989: ARDIZH 5-9-7 R Hills (3-1) C Brooks 7 ran

3.30 EBF SKELMERSDALE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,798: 5f) (6 runners)

501 (4) ANDERTON'S LOT (Calmac Ltd) A Jones 9-0 ... M A Giles (5) —
502 (5) 0 CALIBAIRN 7 (Millprew Bloodstock) E Wheeler 9-0 ... T Williams —
503 (2) 3 IKTESHAF 8 (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond 95
504 (1) 332 RHYTHMIC DANCER 17 (Hesmonds Stables Ltd) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll ● 99
505 (3) SIR HARRY HARDMAN (J Hardman) F Lee 9-0 ... Dean McKeown —
506 (6) VALID POINT (G Adnam) M Brittain 9-0 ... K Darley —

BETTING: Evens Ikteshaf, 5-2 Rhythmic Dancer, 6-1 Sir Harry Hardman, 8-1 Valid Point, 12-1 Anderton's Lot, 20-1 Calibairn.

1989: BOLD RUSSIAN 9-0 M Hills (4-7 fav) B Hills 5 ran

4.0 ALTCAR APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,370: 1m 2f 130yd) (14 runners)

601 (14) 0-00 [illegible] 28 (Mrs C Wall) C Wall 9-7 ... W [illegible] (7) 85
602 (7) 230110- CUVEE ROSE 229 (F) (Mrs C Britain) C Britain 9-6 ... B Doyle (7) 90
603 (4) 0020 GUEST RIGHT 12 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-5 ... J Marshall (7) 88
604 (12) 0-31385 LINGFIELD LASS 16 (D) (Angley Stud Ltd) W Musson 9-2 ... A Spence (7) 95
605 (10) 60-0422 EUROBLAKE 15 (F) (W Swiers) T Barron 9-1 ... Alex Greaves (3) ● 99
606 (6) 000-51 AIREDALE 18 (D,F) (E Haggas) W Haggas 8-10 ... Ron Hillis 90
607 (13) 850- OFFICER CADET 220 (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-10 ... Dale Gibson 85
608 (11) 0-00 LAMBTON LAD 35 (K Moorcroft) E Eldin 8-9 ... G Pollard (7) —
609 (5) 0040- LOMBARD FLYER 205 (B Homan) M O'Neill 8-8 ... J Fortune 91
610 (3) 000-61 DUGGAN 17 (D,F) (Notcarl Publishing Ltd) R Williams 8-8 ... D Biggs (3) 91
611 (8) 50060- DODGER DICKINS 171 (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-7 ... J Fordham (7) 88
612 (9) 080-004 SONG OF GYMCRAK 7 (B) (Gymcrak Racing II Plc) M H Easterby 8-4 ... — 95
613 (2) 00-00 DERRY REEF 25 (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-0 ... M A Giles (5) 87
614 (1) 0045-00 SKY FIGHTER 16 (Red Rose One) J Wilson 7-7 ... — 87

BETTING: 3-1 Airedale, 4-1 Duggan, 9-2 Cuvee Rose, 6-1 Song Of Gymcrack, 8-1 Euroblake, 10-1 Guest Right, 12-1 Lombard Flyer.

1989: JADEITE 9-0 J Quinn (3-1 fav) R Boss 19 ran

4.30 SYDNEY SANDON HANDICAP (£3,980: 5f) (10 runners)

1 (10) 3020-60 LYNDSEYLEE 18 (D,F,S) (G Syrrell) J Berry 3-8-10 ... J Carroll 96
2 (3) 011100- SO RHYTHMICAL 247 (F) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 6-9-5 ... R Sidebottom 96
3 (7) 613202 CANTORIS 7 (D,F) (D Robinson) R Williams 4-9-4 ... B Marcus 93
4 (8) 30-2250 SULLY'S CHOICE 31 (CD,F,G,S) (D Chapman) D Chapman 9-9-3 ... R Lappin 92
5 (6) 0000-01 SIGAMA 8 (D,F) (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 4-9-2 ... S Perks ● 99
6 (4) 000-000 RESTLESS DON 10 (CD,F) (R Tindall) G Moore 5-8-1 ... N Carlisle 90
7 (5) 321101- TAKEALL 238 (D,F) (M Walnman) B McMahon 3-8-12 ... — 90
8 (9) 112050- SAINT NAVARRO 255 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Fletcher) B McMahon 5-8-10 ... — 87
9 (2) 530000 KABCAST 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Marshall) D Chapman 5-8-5 ... J Fortune (5) 98
10 (1) 64450-0 DIADAD 53 (P Barr) F Lee 3-8-1 ... — 96

BETTING: 2-1 Sigama, 3-1 Cantoris, 4-1 Lyndseylee, 6-1 Sully's Choice, 8-1 Takeall, 10-1 Restless Don.

1989: RESTLESS DON 4-9-3 J Carroll (16-1) D Chapman 12 ran

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.40 Mr Burfield.
3.10 Kadwah.
3.40 Drumhead.
4.10 Lord Florey.
4.40 Tyrian Belle.
5.10 High I Kew.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.40 Magic Secret.
3.10 Kadwah.
3.40 Access Sun.
4.10 LORD FLOREY (nap).
4.40 Perfect Chance.
5.10 High I Kew.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.10 Lord Florey.

Guide to our in-line racecard

108 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm (SIS meeting) Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

2.40 NEW ENGLAND STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,720: 6f) (6 runners)

1 (5) 416 DON'T GIVE UP 24 (F) (R Bennett) R Bennett 9-3 ... N Adams 88
2 (3) 210 LEVEL XING 22 (C,G) (S Squires) R Hannon 9-3 ... B Rouse 93
3 (1) 01 MR BURFIELD 17 (F) (S Legassick) R Hannon 9-3 ... Pat Eddery 98
4 (4) 011 GABIBTI 14 (G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-1 ... — ● 99
5 (6) MAGIC SECRET (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-7 ... R Smith (7) —
6 (2) PLAN OF ACTION (Planflow (Leasing) Ltd) G Lewis 8-7 ... W Carson —

BETTING: 9-4 Mr Burfield, 11-4 Gabibti, 3-1 Magic Secret, 8-1 Level Xing, 8-1 Plan Of Action, 12-1 Don't Give Up.

1989: ROBELLATION 8-11 G Starkey (4-7 fav) G Harwood 11 ran

3.10 CALIFORNIAN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £2,564: 1m) (15 runners) C4

1 (9) CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ... P D'Arcy —
2 (2) 2 DANCING BRIDE 14 (Al-Deera Bloodstock Holdings Ltd) J Hudson 8-11 ... J Matthias 97
3 (1) 36063- JEANNE DE LORRAINE 252 (M Parrish) J Fanshawe 8-11 ... L Dettori —
4 (13) 3 KADWAH 23 (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11 ... W Carson ● 99
5 (15) 065- KEEN MELODY 235 (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 ... R Perham (7) 81
6 (14) 050-0 MISS MATTERS 29 (D McDowell) M McCourt 8-11 ... A Tucker (7) 67
7 (5) 2 MOUNT IDA 42 (R A Bott Ltd) C Nelson 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 97
8 (4) 0-0 NEVERDOWN 8 (M Kirby) M Bell 8-11 ... A Clark —
9 (12) 00 PINK BELLS 14 (Mrs B Leigh) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn —
10 (6) 0- PUMPKIN 203 (Mrs E Ogden White) T Thomson Jones 8-11 ... S Whitworth 80
11 (10) ROSES HAVE THORNS (J Peters) C Wall 8-11 ... N Day —
12 (7) 0-0 SAWAKI 17 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... R Hills 76
13 (8) 6530-0 SIMPLY SPIM 17 (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 8-11 ... J Williams 80
14 (3) 243-60 STELLA BIANCA 10 (K Tanikawa) C Brittain 8-11 ... M Roberts 95
15 (11) 4- VISION OF INDIA 222 (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 8-11 ... B Rouse 90

BETTING: 11-4 Mount Ida, 4-1 Kadwah, 6-1 Charlotte Augusta, 8-1 Dancing Bride, 10-1 Stella Bianca, 12-1 Vision Of India, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS DANCING BRIDE 1½l 2nd of 11 to Orbit at Bath (1m 5yd, firm), with PINK BELLS well-beaten 10th. JEANNE DE LORRAINE, Irish import which has yet to show much promise in four outings. KADWAH 2l 3rd of 16 to Model Village at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
MOUNT IDA had no chance with easy winner Deploy when 5l 2nd of 9 at Haydock (1m 2f 130yd, firm). STELLA BIANCA has not been disgraced, despite finishing down the field in good company, 7l last of 7 to Hellenic at York (1m 2f 110yd, good) last time out. VISION OF INDIA one-paced 4¾l 4th of 8 to Star of The Future at Leicester (7f, firm) last October. CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA is by Chief's Crown, out of a mare who was middle-distance winner in the United States.
Selection: KADWAH

3.40 CRAWLEY WARREN HANDICAP (£12,900: 2m) (9 runners) C4

1 (3) 0131-03 ROLL A DOLLAR 11 (F,G) (K Higson) D Elsworth 4-9-12 ... B Rouse 96
2 (2) 2144-15 DRUMHEAD 17 (CD,F,S) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 4-9-5 ... Pat Eddery 98
3 (6) 1003-02 RAMBO CASTLE 17 (F) (P Mascari) N Tinkler 4-9-3 ... L Dettori ● 99
4 (7) 5410-10 CALICON 17 (D,G,S) (S Berry) I Balding 4-9-3 ... J Matthias 96
5 (9) 01235-4 RETOUCH 17 (F,G) (S Wingfield Digby) P Cole 4-9-0 ... T Quinn 97
6 (8) 0104-33 HOLY ZEAL 17 (BF,F,G) (M Pescod) D Arbuthnot 4-8-10 ... M Roberts 98
7 (4) 812-5 ACCESS SUN 35 (F) (Miss E Williams) R Boss 3-8-5 ... — 97
8 (1) 4036-43 FOLK DANCE 23 (V,CD,F,G,S) (BTR & B Plc) G Balding 8-8-8 ... J Williams 98
9 (6) 05-1230 BARRISH 17 (F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-8-4 ... W Carson 97

BETTING: 4-1 Drumhead, 9-2 Barrish, 5-1 Holy Zeal, 11-2 Calicon, 6-1 Retouch, Roll A Dollar, 8-1 Folk Dance, 10-1 Rambo Castle, 12-1 Access Sun.

1989: KARBAJ 5-8-3 S Dawson (8-1) C Horgan 11 ran

FORM FOCUS ROLL A DOLLAR 3½l 3rd of 15 to Bean King at York (1m 4f, good to firm). RAMBO CASTLE stayed on strongly in the closing stages, but could not catch the runaway winner, when 6l 2nd to Travelling Light in the Chester Cup (2m 2f 97yd, good), pair 10l clear, with DRUMHEAD 2½l further away. BARRISH soundly beaten in 8th and CALICON tailed off last of 16.
CALICON is much better judged when beating Prince Sobur 6l at Newbury (2m, good). HOLY ZEAL finished 4½l 3rd of 10 to Take One at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm), with RETOUCH (same terms) ½l away in 4th. ACCESS SUN faced a tough task when 14l last of 6 to Belmez at Newbury (1m 3f, good). Last season, 5l 2nd of 13 to Rock Hopper in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). FOLK DANCE could not quicken when 4l 3rd of 5 to Merry Nuttkin at Newmarket (2m, good to firm).
Selection: RAMBO CASTLE

4.10 CRAWLEY WARREN HERON STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £13,922: 1m) (5 runners) C4

1 (1) 2- KAHEEL 239 (F Kalla) A Stewart 8-12 ... M Roberts 93
2 (4) 32-1 LORD FLOREY 37 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-12 ... L Dettori 97
3 (3) 122-4 QUI DANZIG 8 (F) (Sir Gordon White) M Stoute 8-12 ... NON-RUNNER —
4 (2) 3519-25 PALACE STREET 23 (G) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-7 ... J Williams 98
5 (5) 0032-51 WATER WELL 17 (D,G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-7 ... W Carson ● 99

BETTING: 5-4 Lord Florey, 11-4 Kaheel, 5-1 Palace Street, 6-1 Water Well.

1989: MAGICAL STRIKE 8-9 G Starkey (4-9 fav) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS KAHEEL shaped well when 3l 2nd of 5 to Shavian at Ascot (7f, good to firm) last season with LORD FLOREY (same terms) 1½l away in 3rd.
LORD FLOREY has since lost his maiden tag when 1½l winner from Russian Frontier in a 19-runner Newmarket (7f, good maiden). PALACE STREET 14¾l 5th of 10 to Salsabil in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). Earlier, neck 2nd of 8 to Alidiva over this course and distance (good). WATER WELL confirmed earlier promise in good company when forging clear to beat Altaia 8l at Chester (7f 112yd, good).
Selection: KAHEEL

4.40 UNDERWRITING HANDICAP (£3,590: 6f) (10 runners) C4

1 (4) 40210-4 PERFECT CHANCE 15 (G) (M Kura) B Hanbury 4-9-11 ... W Carson 91
2 (6) 51000-1 MANGO MANILA 8 (G) (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 5-9-8 ... R Hills 97
3 (3) 3344-00 EASY LINE 14 (CD,F,G,S) (R Bennett) P Felden 7-9-8 ... Pat Eddery 98
4 (8) 4422-02 TYRIAN BELLE 7 (CD,G,S) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 5-9-5 ... T Quinn 95
5 (2) 040-105 POKE THE FIRE 17 (F) (R A Bott Ltd) C Nelson 3-9-5 ... N Adams ● 99
6 (1) 000211- SISTER SAL 203 (D,F,S) (C Dodson) J Sutcliffe 3-9-3 ... M Wigham 93
7 (7) 55133-0 HERMITAGE ROCK 7 (D,F) (Gallagher Contractors Ltd) G Lewis 3-9-2 ... B Rouse 90
8 (5) 3230-06 NOBLE LUSTRE 17 (Mrs Y Allen) C Wall 4-8-8 ... D Miller 94
9 (10) 041-435 PETTICOAT POWER 50 (D,F,G) (Murray Partnership) G Balding 4-8-7 ... J Williams 86
10 (9) 1-00034 MAJOR JACKO 11 (D,S) (J Horgan) R Hannon 7-7-11 ... D Gibbs (7) 93

BETTING: 11-4 Mango Manila, 4-1 Tyrian Belle, 5-1 Perfect Chance, 7-1 Easy Line, 8-1 Petticoat Power, 10-1 Poke The Fire, 12-1 others.

1989: SO RHYTHMICAL 5-9-2 T Ives (5-1) A Hide 9 ran

FORM FOCUS PERFECT CHANCE ran very well under 9-1 on reappearance at Lingfield (6f, good to firm), staying on in the closing stages when 5¾l 4th of 15 to Amigo Menor.
MANGO MANILA came with a strong late run to beat Tauber 2l at Newmarket (7f, good). TYRIAN BELLE 1l 2nd of 18 to Moniga at Newbury (6f, good to firm). POKE THE FIRE 7l 5th of 12 to Bold Lez at Sandown (5f, good to firm). PETTICOAT POWER 6l 5th of 23 to Joldst over course and distance (firm) in early April, with MAJOR JACKO (5lb better off) a well-beaten 14th. MAJOR JACKO has since run into form and was 3l 4th of 14 to Halawa at Brighton (7f, hard) last time out.
Selection: PERFECT CHANCE

5.10 BROKING HANDICAP (£3,265: 1m 3f 30yd) (10 runners)

1 (5) 3/204-64 NAD ELSHIBA 21 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 4-9-13 ... W Carson 88
2 (6) 1030-66 BEAU IDEAL 22 (D,G) (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 5-9-10 ... M Roberts ● 99
3 (4) 3122-02 HIGH I KEW 16 (D,F) (Sir Stanley Grinstead) C Wall 4-9-8 ... N Day 96
4 (3) 522020- GO FORUM 184 (CD,F,G) (Forum Ltd) J Sutcliffe 5-9-5 ... M Wigham 92
5 (2) 6300/ SARYAN 208J (D,F) (Curley Credit Bookmaking) B Curley 7-8-11 ... L Dettori —
6 (10) 044035- BRAMDEAN 189 (D Aykroyd) P Walwyn 4-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 90
7 (7) 450/00-0 SPORTING WEDNESDAY 12 (F) (M Brunton) C Horgan 5-8-3 ... R Hills —
8 (1) 000- VIGANO 150J (S A Management Ltd) J Jenkins 4-8-2 ... A Clark 98
9 (8) 060320- TOLOMENA 214 (T Mountain) W Wightman 4-8-1 ... N Howe 99
10 (9) 00400-2 KALAPARTY 12 (B) (Mrs R Lamb) C Benstead 4-7-9 ... N Adams 92

BETTING: 3-1 Nad Elshiba, 9-2 Kalaparty, 5-1 Beau Ideal, High I Kew, 9-1 Go Forum, 12-1 Bramdean, 14-1 Sporting Wednesday, 16-1 others.

1989: QUEEN ANGEL 3-8-11 W Newnes (4-5 fav) Miss B Sanders 5 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	11	38	28.9	Pat Eddery	49	208	23.6
M Stoute	23	86	26.7	W Carson	30	197	15.2
W Hern	6	27	22.2	M Roberts	10	87	11.5
B Hanbury	5	25	20.0	N Adams	9	83	10.8
P Walwyn	12	63	19.0	J Matthias	4	37	10.8
D Elsworth	15	93	16.1	T Quinn	12	117	10.3

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Auvillar. 2.45 Lucky Barnes. 3.20 Windbound Lass. 3.50 Diet. 4.20 Private Tender. 4.50 Habeta.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Soweto. 2.45 Tom Clapton. 3.20 Western Dynasty. 4.20 Private Tender. 4.50 Count Bertrand.

Going: good to firm
Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best SIS

2.15 EBF ZETLAND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,696: 6f) (12 runners)

1 AUVILLAR J Watts 9-0 ... J Lowe 10
2 FAUSTINGER Ronald Thompson 9-0 ... — 1
3 LOSMANAR J Etherington 9-0 ... N Connorton 3
4 MANTON MEMORIES C Tinkler 9-0 ... P Burke 4
5 5 MICK'S CHOICE 11 M W Easterby 9-0 ... — 8
6 323 NAME THE BRAVE 28 (BF) M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 2
7 0 PREMIER CHOICE 15 W Pearce 9-0 ... D Nicholls 6
8 RED TIGER J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter 12
9 SOWETO G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... W Hood 11
10 3 DE VALERA 7 W Bentley 8-9 ... J Bleasdale 5
211 SECRET HAZE Miss S Hall 8-9 ... K Fallon 9
212 SWISS BEAUTY Miss S Hall 8-9 ... — 7

5-2 Red Tiger, 4-1 De Valera, 6-1 Name The Brave, 8-1 Mick's Choice, 10-1 Auvillar, Soweto, 12-1 others.

2.45 FRICKLEY SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,763: 1m) (15)

1 0- CASTLE SYTHAM 200 Miss P Hall 9-0 ... J Lowe 11
2 0252 GRANITTON BAY 7 (V,F) R Whitaker 9-0 ... — 2
3 4340 IVORY'S OF RADLETT 18 (V,F) K Ivory 9-0 ... G Bardwell 9
4 20-0 LUCKY BARNES 12 (B,F) W Pearce 9-0 ... D Nicholls 6
5 2510 MR CHEEKYCHOPS 5 (G) M Brittain 9-0 ... P Sedgwick 14
6 -063 TENDERLOIN 15 (S) N Tinkler 9-0 ... Kim Tinkler 12
7 0-35 TOM CLAPTON 21 D Morley 9-0 ... M Birch 5
8 00- BOLD-ERG 247 Miss L Siddall 8-9 ... K Fallon 8
9 0-0 BOUGAINVILLEA 14 R O'Leary 8-9 ... — 10
10 BEAUVILLE DUCHESS (B) Mrs L Piggott 8-9 ... B Crossley 4
11 00-5 GREETLAND GRIT 7 J Berry 8-9 ... G Carter 13
12 0 HUNDRED ISLANDS M Camacho 8-9 ... N Connorton 15
13 0-5 MISTRESS CARROLL 12 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 ... W Hood 3
14 46 PLEASANT COMPANY 22 M Johnston 8-9 ... R P Elliott 1
15 000 ZULU DANCER 18 R Holder 8-9 ... — 7

3-1 Mistress Carroll, 9-2 Deauville Duchess, 6-1 Lucky Barnes, 7-1 Granitton Bay, 8-1 Ivory's of Radlett, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 33 winners from 79 runners, 41.8%; Miss L Siddall, 5 from 35, 14.3%; M Johnston, 4 from 29, 13.8%; Mrs L Piggott, 3 from 27, 11.1%; J Berry, 8 from 74, 10.8%; W Pearce, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 24 winners from 172 rides, 14.0%; W Ryan, 16 from 127, 12.6%. (Only qualifiers).

3.20 ROSEHILL HANDICAP (£3,184: 1m 4f) (9)

1 0-21 OPERA GHOST 35 (D,F) P Harris 4-9-12 ... W Newnes 2
2 /50- FUTURE GLORY 364 (S) Miss S Hall 4-9-11 ... — 4
3 0410 MIGHTY GLOW 21 (V,F) C Tinkler 6-9-10 ... M Birch 9
4 20-0 ROYALIST 18 J Watts 4-9-8 ... — 6
5 0-02 POKEY'S PRIDE 8 (BF,D,F) M Tompkins 7-9-5 ... R Cochrane 5
6 00-0 LILY'S LOVER 18 (G) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-1 ... W Ryan 1
7 4-30 WESTERN DYNASTY 29 M Ryan 4-8-11 ... G Carter 3
8 00-0 NICHOLAS MARK 11 (D,F,G) R Whitaker 6-8-11 ... — 8
9 220- WINDBOUND LASS 164J (D,F) R Holder 7-8-8 ... A Proud 7

5-2 Lily's Lover, 4-1 Nicholas Mark, Pokey's Pride, 6-1 Western Dynasty, 8-1 Royalist, 10-1 Opera Ghost, 12-1 others.

3.50 PRIORY PLACE HANDICAP (£3,882: 6f) (10)

1 1-05 MACROBIAN 11 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 6-10-0 ... M Birch 8
2 050-0 MASTER POKEY 11 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 6-9-1 ... M Birch 4
3 00-0 DAWN'S DELIGHT 50 (CD,G,S) K Ivory 12-9-0 ... G Bardwell 2
4 1404 SUPERBRAVE 7 (D,F) J Etherington 4-8-10 ... — 9
5 4603 SOLOMON'S SONG 11 (D,F,S) M Johnston 4-8-10 ... R P Elliott 1
6 2452 DIET 11 (V,D,F,S) J S Wilson 4-8-7 ... N Connorton 5
7 0102 GODS SOLUTION 7 (D,F,G,S) T Barron 9-8-4 ... G Carter 6
8 3-66 RED ROSEIN 21 (F) N Tinkler 4-7-12 ... — 7
9 -010 JOKIST 15 (D,F,G,S) P Felgate 7-7-12 ... S Dawson 10
10 0-22 BALI SUNSET 6 (BF,D,F) G Moore 4-7-7 ... R Kennedy (7) 6

11-4 Diet, 9-2 Jokist, 7-1 Red Rosein, Macrobian, 8-1 Solomon's Song, 10-1 Superbrave, 12-1 others.

4.20 RIFLE BUTTS GRADUATION GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,360: 1m 2f 50yd) (2)

1 41 BOOKCASE 16 (D,F) D Elsworth 9-4 ... R Cochrane 1
2 10 PRIVATE TENDER 8 (BF,F) H Cecil 9-4 ... W Ryan 2

4-5 Bookcase, evens Private Tender.

4.50 GRESLEY HANDICAP (£3,106: 1m) (13)

101 00-1 FONTENUOVO 44 (F) D Elsworth 5-10-0 ... W Newnes 10
102 -300 AARDVARK 9 (CD,F,G) R Whitaker 4-9-5 ... S Turner (7) 2
103 4-46 TAKENHALL 8 (F,G) M Fetherston-Godley 5-9-4 ... W Ryan 8
104 0321 HERCLE 33 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 4-9-3 ... Kim Tinkler 11
105 0651 ANNABELLE ROYALE 19 (D,F) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-12 ... A Proud 9
106 2500 COINCIDENTAL 8 (F,G,S) D Morris 8-8-13 ... M Tebbutt 6
107 310-0 HABETA 19 (D,F) J Watts 4-8-11 ... J Bleasdale 4
108 4455 GOLDEN BEAU 9 (V,D,F,G,S) M Naughton 8-8-8 ... K Fallon 3
109 -050 KIRSTENBOSCH 18 T Barron 3-8-8 ... L Charnock 13
110 40-0 TOUCHLIN PRIDE 48 Miss L Siddall 4-8-4 ... P Burke 1
111 60/0- THATCHEMME 806 (B,C,F) J Glover 5-8-4 ... G Carter 12
112 32-0 GOOD FOR THE ROSES 17 G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-1 ... A McGlone 5
113 06-0 COUNT BERTRAND 30 (D,F) W Holden 9-7-12 ... J Lowe 7

4-1 Aardvark, 5-1 Good For The Roses, 11-2 Hercle, 13-2 Fontenuovo, 8-1 Annabelle Royale, Golden Beau, 10-1 others.

● Shellac, top-weight for the Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar on Monday, misses the race in favour of the group three Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown on Tuesday evening. Lanfranco Dettori takes the ride.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin
5.50 Llennodo. 6.20 Aitch N'Bee. 6.50 Virkon. 7.20 Staunch Rival. 7.50 Postage Stamp. 8.20 Suivez Moi. 8.50 Cantdonowtrite.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
5.50 Taskforce Fixed It. 6.20 Ever Reckless. 7.20 Fighting Christine. 7.50 Alim. 8.20 Suivez Moi. 8.50 Martin-Lavell Post.

Going: standard Draw: 5f-7f, low numbers best

5.50 FRENCH SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,448: 7f) (10 runners)

1 0000 AMRON 12 (S) J Berry 8-7 ... S Giles (7) 7
2 0000 PSYCHO SONNY 14 (V,CD) C Allen 8-7 ... Mick Denaro (7) 1
3 0800 TITE SPOT 19 (C) N Tinkler 9-2 ... Kim Tinkler 6
4 00 EVER SO ARTISTIC 54 P Howling 9-0 ... G Duffield 3
5 0-40 HARVEST MINSTREL 36 (B) M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 4
6 2-50 MARTINI'S COURIER 37 (B) W Pearce 9-0 ... — 8
7 400- SIREESH 210 (210) J White 9-0 ... B Lynch (5) 9
8 00-0 TASKFORCE FIXED IT 9 (B) J Scargill 8-0 ... W Ryan 2
9 0-02 LLENNODO 14 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 5
10 6600 MIKKRIS 25 R Stubbs 8-9 ... Nicola Howarth (7) 10

9-4 Taskforce Fixed It, 11-4 Harvest Minstrel, 9-2 Amron, 6-1 Llenodo, 8-1 Martini's Courier, 10-1 Tite Spot, 12-1 others.

6.20 LARWOOD HANDICAP (£2,595: 7f) (16)

1 5200 ALDAHE 12 (CD,F) T Craig 5-9-12 ... — 12
2 /38-1 AITCH N'BEE 7 (CD,G,S) Lady Herries 7-9-12 ... G Foster (7) 13
3 4301 SMALL FEE 7 (C,S) M Brittain 5-9-8 ... S Maloney (5) 5
4 0103 DENHAM GREEN 7 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 4-9-6 ... M Birch 9
5 2100 FOR NOTHING 79 (CD) J Glover 5-9-4 ... W Ryan 14
6 00-0 SERGEANT MERYLL 10 (D,G,S) P Howling 6-9-4 ... Dee Deacon (7) 11
7 0002 EVER RECKLESS 7 (V,F) D Thom 4-9-2 ... B Raymond 8
8 654- CREAM AND GREEN 66J (D,G) K White 6-9-1 ... R Wernham 15
9 0000 CHAMPION GIRL 25 (B,C,F) A Bailey 4-8-12 ... G Carter 3
10 00-0 SOUND MUSIC 7 R Armstrong 4-8-11 ... G Baxter 6
11 -002 ZINBAQ 7 C Benstead 4-8-10 ... G Duffield 2
12 0006 MIMINING 12 (V,G,S) P Felgate 4-8-9 ... — 1
13 -004 BALLAD DANCER 7 (D,BF,S) E Pries 5-8-1 ... Paul Eddery 4
14 000- REDWOOD GIRL 213 (D,G) K Bridgwater 4-8-1 ... A Proud 7
15 /00- BLACK MARKETEER 319 D Chapman 5-7-13 ... R Kennedy (7) 10
16 -030 MY LADY MINSTREL 2 J Spearing 4-7-9 ... — 16

3-1 Denham Green, 4-1 My Lady Minstrel, 9-2 Aitch N'Bee, 6-1 For Nothing, 15-2 Mimining, 8-1 Aldahe, 10-1 Zinbaq.

6.50 FRENCH SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,448: 7f) (10)

1 -262 MICDAN 91 (B,BF,S) C Williams 9-7 ... B Raymond 9
2 000- KRISTIN'S LIGHT 280 (D,F) R Stubbs 9-2 ... D Ware (7) 1
3 TIMES GOLD D Chapman 9-0 ... — 4
4 -240 VIRKON 19 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ... A Proud 3
5 00 WILL C Thornton 9-0 ... J Bleasdale 7
6 000- BLUELLA 239 J Wainwright 8-9 ... — 10
7 LOLITA John FitzGerald 8-9 ... G Baxter 5
8 460 MISS BEA 61 A Bailey 8-9 ... G Carter 2
9 0-05 PRINCESS OF BASRA 39 W Haigh 8-9 ... S Webster 6
10 000- YANKEE TRADER 210 M Prescott 8-9 ... G Duffield 8

7-4 Lolita, 10-3 Yankee Trader, 4-1 Micdan, 11-2 Will, 9-1 Times Gold, 12-1 Miss Bea, 14-1 others.

7.20 RANDALL MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,060: 1m) (10)

1 0-3 LOST EMPIRE 38 B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 1
2 30 MASROUG 133 (BF) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 ... B Crossley 9
3 0-0 RAGTIME COWBOY 15 C Thornton 9-0 ... J Bleasdale 8
4 RED BLISTER W Holden 9-0 ... S Russell (7) 7
5 -030 SASHTAL 7 B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond 2
6 33-3 STAUNCH RIVAL 61 J Gosden 9-0 ... G Duffield 4
7 5-00 URFAN 18 K White 9-0 ... R Wernham 5
8 4 FIGHTING CHRISTINE 14 J Gosden 8-9 ... Paul Eddery 10
9 0 O'BERON'S DAUGHTER 58 R Thompson 8-9 ... — 3
10 3-0 PLEASURE FLIGHT 8 W Haggas 8-9 ... Ron Hillis (5) 6

15-8 Staunch Rival, 3-1 Lost Empire, 9-2 Sashtal, 6-1 Pleasure Flight, 15-2 Fighting Christine, 8-1 Urfan, 12-1 Masroug, 14-1 others.

7.50 BROAD MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,060: 1m 3f) (7)

1 0 ABLE JUMBO 11 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ... A Proud 8
2 4-46 ALIM 8 B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond 2
3 00-0 COME HOME KINGSLEY 40 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 4
4 230- LONGSHOREMAN 189 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ... W Ryan 1
5 0-04 POSTAGE STAMP 16 J Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 7
6 5 RAW TALENT 7 W Haggas 9-0 ... Ron Hillis (5) 5
7 000- DEAR OLD GIRL 222 D Thom 8-9 ... — 6

6-4 Postage Stamp, 11-4 Longshoreman, 4-1 Alim, 5-1 Raw Talent, 8-1 Come Home Kingsley, 10-1 others.

8.20 VOCE HANDICAP (£2,406: 1m 6f) (11)

1 4/0-4 NON CONSTAT 7 (V,G) R Thompson 8-10-5 ... — 11
2 22-3 SILLY HABIT 12 J Hills 4-9-11 ... M Hills 9
3 -000 NORTHWOLD STAR 17 (V,G) D Thom 4-9-7 ... B Raymond 3
4 5-34 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 15 (F) C Thornton 4-9-6 ... J Bleasdale 1
5 6-05 HOW 7 (F) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-6 ... B Crossley 4
6 66-0 HAND IN GLOVE 12 W Haggas 4-8-11 ... Ron Hillis (5) 5
7 400- FRESH LINE 257 J Hetherton 4-8-8 ... — 6
8 -005 MILCLERE 18 J Glover 4-8-1 ... G Carter 2
9 000- KWACHA 245J T Craig 4-7-7 ... P Dalton (7) 7
10 2100 SUIVEZ MOI 5 (CD,F) C Allen 8-7-7 ... N Carlisle 10
11 000-6 ATTILA THE HONEY 7 S Bowring 5-7-7 ... — 8

11-4 How, 7-2 Suivez Moi, 9-2 Fresh Line, 6-1 Silly Habit, 15-2 Hand In Glove, 8-1 Non Constat, 10-1 Northwold Star.

8.50 GUNN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,427: 5f) (12)

1 43-3 GOODFELLOWS LOT 15 W Haigh 9-13 ... — 10
2 2016 APRES HUIT 14 (CD,F) D Wintle 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 8
3 300- CALAHONDA DAVE 229 D Chapman 9-5 ... D Nicholls 12
4 -055 CANTDONOWTRITE 12 (D,BF,F,S) J Berry 8-13 ... J Carroll 7
5 3050 TRIOMPHE MODEST 5 (F) C Cyzer 8-11 ... A [illegible] (7) 3
6 51-0 MARTIN-LAVELL POST 53 (D,BF,G) M Prescott 8-9 ... G Duffield 2
7 0005 UNDERSTONES 5 (B) J Glover 8-8 ... Dean McKeown 4
8 000- REDNET 229 D Chapman 8-9 ... — 5
9 000- BAY CHIMES 205 J Wharton 8-8 ... M Birch 6
10 00-0 PHISUS 29 J White 8-6 ... — 9
11 000 SANDY STORM 37 (B) C Williams 7-11 ... A Shoults 1
12 -300 SIGGLESTHORNE 25 B Richmond 7-11 ... S Maloney (5) 11

7-4 Cantdonowtrite, 7-2 Martin-Lavell Post, 5-1 Apres Huit, 7-1 Triomphe Modest, 9-1 Goodfellow's Lot, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; Jimmy FitzGerald, 5 from 19, 26.3%; C Allen, 3 from 21, 14.3%; A Bailey, 3 from 24, 12.5%; J Wharton, 5 from 43, 11.6%; Mrs N Macauley, 4 from 40, 10.0%.

JOCKEYS: B Raymond, 3 winners from 22 rides, 13.6%; G Carter, 7 from 54, 13.0%; S Maloney, 6 from 53, 11.3%; G Duffield, 6 from 54, 11.1%; Dean McKeown, 4 from 36, 11.1%. (Only qualifiers).

Haydock results

Going: good to firm

2.0 (1m 40yd) 1, STAR OF THE FUTURE (Pat Eddery, 7-1); 2, Abs (R Hills, 12-1); 3, Song Of Kings (W R Swinburn, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Rejoneo (4th), 8 I Perceive (5th). 5 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, 8l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £6.60; £2.60, £4.80. DF: £36.70. CSF: £56.30.

2.30 (6f) 1, IKSAB (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Grey Wolf (B Raymond, 6-1); 3, Croft Valley (W Carson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Rainbow Bridge, 6 Tribal Lady, 7 Matching Lines, 10 Western Music (4th), 12 Green's Stubbs, Echo Princess (6th), 14 Play The Blues, 15 North Base, Falcons Dawn (5th), 20 Hanley, Kamada, Clean And Polish, 25 No Decision, 33 All Night Deli, Corio Bay, Foxy Sue, 50 Cut Out, Midwest, Minstop Miss. 22 ran. Hd, 1½l, 1½l, ½l, ½l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £7.70; £3.00, £2.30, £8.40. DF: £22.30. CSF: £46.83.

3.0 (1m 40yd) 1, JADEITE (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, Curtain Call (J Reid, 10-1); 3, Secretary of State (T Quinn, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Milligan, Roseate Lodge, 13-2 Eastern Ember (5th), 8 Vilanika (6th), 10 Young Jason (4th), 12 Sappho Comet, 14 Dancing Monarch, Birstwith, 33 Vague Discretion, 40 Cry For The Clown (pu). 13 ran. 1l, 1½l, 3l, ½l, 4l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £7.50; £2.60, £3.60, £3.30. DF: £59.90. CSF: £51.06. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, MIDDLE KINGDOM (Pat Eddery, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Lucky Guest (W Carson, 3-1); 3, Baylis (W R Swinburn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 2 jt-fav Cum Laude (4th), 16 Alosaili, 20 Regent's Inlet, 25 Res Ipsa Loquitur (5th), 33 Denby House Lad (6th). 8 ran. Nk, 1½l, 8l, 7l, sh hd. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £5.30; £1.40, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £6.70. CSF: £8.87. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

4.0 (6f) 1, PILGRIM'S PATH (J Williams, 4-1 fav); 2, Kristis Girl (J Reid, 5-1); 3, Indian Star (S Maloney, 16-1); 4, Toshiba Comet (D Nicholls, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Fountain Loch, 7 Final Shot, 8 Ankara's Princess, Berberana, 11 Nothing's Free, 14 El Arab (6th), Dumbreck, Ayodessa, Doulab's Image (5th), 16 Welley Lad, 33 Corsana, So Knowledgeable. 16 ran. NR: Prohibition. 2l, 1½l, sh hd, 1½l, sh hd. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £5.10; £1.40, £1.60, £4.30, £4.30. DF: £12.70. CSF: £27.48.

Towcester

Going: good to firm (firm patches)

2.15 (2m 5f 28yds hdle) 1, Sharket (P Harley, 7-4 fav); 2, Season Girl (7-1); 3, Battleplan (2-1). 7 ran. 8l, 4l. J Norton. Tote: £2.70; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £12.00. CSF: £13.63.

2.45 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Indian (R Goldstein, 7-2); 2, Members' Revenge (7-4 fav); 3, Mr Quick (11-4). 6 ran. 1½l, 2l. O Brennan. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £1.70. DF: £3.30. CSF: £9.39.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Tigers Pet (M Brennan, 10-3); 2, Able Vale (5-6 fav); 3, Lizzy Longstocking (5-2). 5 ran. sh hd, 4l. O Brennan. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.55.

3.45 See facing page for details of result.

4.15 (3m 190yd ch) 1, Contradeal (R Dunwoody, 8-4); 2, Royal Gurkha (4-1); 3, Tarconey (11-10 fav). 3 ran. 1½l, 1l. Mrs A Barclay. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.66.

Sedgefield

Going: firm

2.15 2m hdle) 1, Sonalto (B Powell, 4-1 co-fav); 2, Upwell (10-1); 3, Lovely Lizzie (20-1). Touch of Speed 4-1 co-fav. 10 ran. 4l, 2l. D Williams. Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £2.00, £5.40. DF: £41.80. CSF: £40.09. Tricast: £640.04. No bid for the winner.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Chasers' Bar (Mr S Swiers, 4-1); 2, Jane's Joy (4-1); 3, Cheswold (11-10 Fav). 5 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J Swiers. Tote: £5.20; £2.60, £1.50. DF: £7.10. CSF: £19.45.

3.15 (2m 4f) 1, Giolla Padraig (B Storey, 9-2); 2, Chipchase (8-1); 3, Stay On Tracks (4-9 fav). 5 ran. 2l, 5l. Denys Smith. Tote: £4.60; £2.10, £2.40. DF: £12.50. CSF: £29.76.

3.45 (3m 2f 160yd ch) 1, Cheerie Chief (Mr G Robinson, 8-1); 2, Proverbial Luck (5-1); 3, Demi Cheval (16-1). [illegible] 6-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Xmas Tree. 1l, dis. H Barclay. Tote: £9.30; £2.50, £3.40. DF: £14.50. CSF: £41.55.

4.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, River House (C Grant, 7-2); 2, Lingham Duke (6-1); 3, Cluress Own (6-1). London Windows 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 10l, 8l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £3.50; £2.30, £3.40. DF: £11.20. CSF: £23.41.

Williams in fine form

JOHN Williams, the former jump jockey, excelled on Pilgrim's Path in the Be Friendly Handicap at Haydock yesterday. Despite losing his whip in the final furlong, Williams brought Pilgrim's Path with a perfectly-timed run to beat Kristis Girl by two lengths.

How to live in the same street as the Nabers is spelt out by **David Hemery**, the former Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion

GRAHAME BAKER

View from the bridge that lies between the aim and the goal

As a university student in California, John Naber watched Mark Spitz win his multiple gold medals in the 1972 Olympics. Naber resolved that he would win the 100 metres backstroke in the next Games in Montreal. He knew that to be in with a realistic chance of doing so he would have to aim to break the world record; and to do that he would need to take five seconds off his personal best time. In 100 metres that is a sizeable chunk.

To make his goal attainable, he divided the five seconds by the number of hours he had available to train in the intervening four years. He worked out that he would have to improve by only one 1,200th of a second for every hour he spent training. That he equated to approximately one fifth of an eye-blink. He thought, well, if I work intelligently, as well as hard, I am sure I can improve by one-fifth of an eye-blink for every hour I spend training.

His progress was so good that he was chosen to captain the United States swimming team in 1976. He won the 100 metres in a world record time and the 200 metres with an Olympic record. The process obviously worked and proves that the key factor which separates the human who achieves his potential from the one who does not is the use of the mind.

Even if you have the greatest amount of talent imaginable, to fulfil your potential you cannot avoid practice and hard work. It is doubtful if you will do the necessary amount if you have a low commitment, and do you think that you will make that commitment and stay with the task unless you have enthusiasm? Probably not. So what is it that you can become enthusiastic about? As John Naber proved, the answer is a clear aim or goal, which is a positive, challenging and attainable vision.

Vision here refers to the creative use of imagination. It is under your mental control and is the starting point of the achievement process. Expanded potential for yourself begins with creative thought. Your use of your mind is the starting point on the road to fulfilling potential, the bridge between ambition and achievement.

It is a breathtaking realization that, given the parameters of each individual's capabilities, the size of your achievement is limited only by the size of your initial vision. You control your future achievements through your thoughts. If your goal is challenging and attainable, your vision clear, your enthusiasm and commitment full on the task, little can stop you achieving your aim.

The goal you set yourself may be a long-term ambition or it may be a single part of one practice session on the way to a short-term or long-term aim; whichever, the principles remain the same. The goal, and each intermediate step, should be agreed upon by you and your coach, and there should be honest assessment of performance throughout the programme. The goal should be challenging, yet attainable, so that hope and motivation are maintained. There must be clear, positive vision of the goal. Improvement should be measurable and geared to producing the best performance at the right time.

The first, most important and probably most difficult of the stages is establishing clarity of goal. Long-term goals need regular review for their continuing appropriateness; however, even at the beginning, when attempting to become clear about the direction and requirements of a goal, reviewing is an important part of the process. Often what may appear to be your goal at the start of discussion may turn out to be only a symptom of a different goal.

For example, your goal might be to learn how to dance. In clarifying that goal, you discover that the desired skill is only a tool for a different goal, which might be to have access to a wider social circle. Recognition of the different objectives may allow you to choose another route. Throughout the year it will be necessary to reassess and restate your goals and the steps to achieving long-term aims.

If your long-term sport aim has been set too high, it is possible to feel overwhelmed with the impossibility of the task. Also, if the goal is realistic, circumstances often change — injury or sickness, a job move or a personal life trauma may make the original aim impossible to achieve. If your goal is not modified in these situations, you can rapidly become demotivated and want to quit.

At the other extreme, if your goal is set too low, you will also lack motivation. Where there is no challenge and the task is too easy you will not feel motivated to start. If you do start, the chances are high that you will soon lose interest and again feel like stopping the activity. Research has shown that setting challenging and attainable goals is in itself motivating.

But it is important to break these long-term goals down into attainable steps, as John Naber did. Each step should be within an achievable time scale or framework, and the steps should be under constant review to, if necessary, re-establish the goals.

All too often unnecessary limits are *self-imposed*. I once spent an evening with a group of schoolboys, aged 12 to 17, who had been specially selected by the LTA as Britain's brightest tennis prospects. I asked if they could imagine holding up the trophy at Wimbledon. Could they imagine what it would be like? After a few seconds a couple of the boys shook their heads. No, they just could not imagine that. I pointed out that if they were not in the ballpark physically they would not have been chosen to be at the National Centre. If a performer limits his imagination, he limits his options. Obviously, not everyone can win Wimbledon, but why rule out the possibility and impose a self-limitation — at least 10 years ahead of time?

Dr Christian Barnard, the first human heart transplant surgeon, said he believed that man could achieve anything within the scope of his imagination. If you cannot clearly imagine yourself doing the next step in your athletic progression, there is much less chance of your making progress.

Fear of failure can cause you to lower the challenge you set for yourself. Lowering your challenge may ensure against your failing but it will also inhibit your potential. Anxious and negative thought will not help performance. What can you do about them? Recognition of what you are doing to yourself is the first step. You have to become aware of when your thoughts start to increase your anxiety. Then see if there is a positive opposite which could be your new focus. If your anxious thoughts are creating a feeling of listlessness, imagine the opposite of listlessness and adapt that posture in mind and body; it might be alertness or readiness.

What happens, for example, if you are told "don't think of a red balloon"? If you have any imagination your mind will be filled with a vision of the very thing you have been ordered not to think of. Bringing that into a sport context, a typical negative instruction might be "don't get out first ball". It is intended to help but it will probably create only increased tension.

It is interesting to note that top-level performers are usually very good at mentally visualizing experiences. If the thought is negative, the image which is filling the brain tends to draw unwanted action from the performer . . . in other words, your actions follow your thoughts. If that is true, then filling your thoughts with positive goals will create a greater likelihood of positive outcomes.

If you are interested in positive results, you must be aware of negative thoughts creeping in. Worrying about what the opposition might do is not constructive thought. Awareness of what the opposition might do, and thinking of what would be your best response, is positive and constructive. Catch the onset of negative thought and replace it with a positive opposite.

Creative thought is our greatest gift; however, it may be used positively or negatively. I have two very personal illustrations of this. First, the positive example.

In the weeks before the 400 metres hurdles in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, I rehearsed every option I could imagine, thinking through how I could do my best in each situation: eg, drawn on an inside lane, where I could see all my opponents, I imagined myself remaining focused on my lane with my ideal pace even though I could imagine someone else at breakneck pace.

I rehearsed the same sort of control and judgement drawn in lane eight and running blind all the way, retaining confidence to execute world-record-attempting pace. Through weather changes — head wind, tail wind, rain or heat — all options were run with the leg speed and stride length to bring me through with as close to an ideal time as I could imagine.

The heat and the semi-final were also raced, mentally, at a predetermined level of effort and pace which I hoped would be sufficient to qualify me. Included in my planning was the flexibility of changed pace and awareness of others which I hoped would ensure I advanced to the final.

Each segment was thought through and sensed with such detail that my pulse rate and breathing would be close to matching the physical sensations of the race. This was done as I was lying on my bunk bed or after supper, walking around a different lane of the practice track imagining the precise pace, effort distribution, foot placement and hurdling motion to lead me to doing the best I thought was possible at that time.

The pattern worked ideally. Each race was executed as planned, with the exception that the last half of the final was run even faster than I had thought. Perhaps that was from added adrenalin flow or the assistance of less air resistance at 7,500 feet. The result was as positive as I could have hoped for; almost a second taken off the world record and an Olympic gold.

The second personal example was my use of negative thought. Before the 1972 Munich Olympics I thought that it was important to face the possibility of losing. I would be four years older and there could be faster, younger, stronger opponents. My best response would have been to have acknowledged that as a possible outcome and also to have recognized that I could not control how well others were going to perform. The only control I could have was over how well I could run. Instead, I thought that it would be mature to face losing and come to terms with my feelings if that happened. Could I live with being a loser?

I allowed my thoughts to review negative images of myself in two ways. First, I repeatedly visualized myself losing Olympic races. Second, I was labelling everything but winning as being losing.

I spent two months anguishing over different images of myself losing races. I did not like the feelings associated with losing but I finally became numb, not feeling anything, repeatedly saying to myself: "It's OK, you're just going to try your hardest to do your best." The result of this self-hypnosis is that on the day of the 400 metres hurdles final I woke up emotionless — without enthusiasm or nerves. By the time I had warmed up and was entering the stadium, I was digging my nails into my hands, saying to myself: "For goodness sake, wake up: this is the Olympic final." The programmed voice came back: "Yes, and you're just going to try your hardest to do your best."

I had no clear vision of *how* I would run the final. I had read the inspirational book *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, by Richard Bach, and believed that there were no limits: I would just go out and run a limitless race. I went out and tried to run with 100 per cent effort all the way. Race effort distribution is very subtle and I was running with low awareness and a lot of effort. Ideally, there should be high awareness and only appropriately channelled effort.

I realized that all was not well with 100 metres to go and I felt my legs weakening. My mind and will forced me to the line and I finished third, only two inches out of the silver but nowhere near my potential from my year's work. There were other mitigating circumstances, such as a slight thigh muscle pull three weeks before the Games, but I believe that far more than any physical hold-back my mental approach was at fault. I was not in tune in body, mind and spirit. My thoughts were not clear, my enthusiasm was nowhere near what was needed and I was left willing my body through the effort. One out of three will not produce the best results of which we are capable.

The point of this story is that it provides an illustration of how negative thought and negative imaging can restrict potential and deny a positive outcome. Negative mental images are powerful and unhelpful.

As to labelling non-first-place finishers as losers, I believe strongly in the perspective of Britain's National Coaching Foundation which advocates having two distinct goals — performance-improvement goals and end goals. They are written here in the correct order because the performer has significant control over the first and much less over the second. Winning, making the team, getting the cup are all end goals. If performers are in with a chance, I believe that they should be aiming for those but they must be the second goal. The way to get there is by the first goal — performance improvement.

I was aiming to win the 1968 Olympics. My route to that was to train physically and mentally towards a performance improvement which would put me in with the best possible chance of achieving it. By valuing only winning (an end goal), a superb performance by two individuals in a race only allows praise for one. One wins, the other loses. Having performance improvement as the first goal provides everyone with a way of additionally congratulating the performer who does not win the title but has set a personal best.

The next aspect of the goal-setting process is that your personal best should be achieved when you want it most. It is of little use to you competitively if you only improve in training. The context will change according to the steps on the way to your long-term goal. You may, for example, need to establish a first-rate performance in a qualifying competition and produce an even better performance, days or weeks later, in a championship event.

Another goal factor is that, ideally, each goal step should be quantifiable. If you set a vague goal, such as wanting to get "better" at your sport, although it is positive it is not a clearly defined challenge. In athletics, improving your marathon time by one second is "better" but that also may not be the sort of goal achievement that you would want.

Measurement is easy in sports where higher, further, faster are the criteria. It is less easy in a team sport or where judgements are on the quality of execution. This provides a challenge for coach and performer to find ways of determining performance improvement. One such option in team sports is to establish a performance improvement such as the percentage of accurate passes or percentage of shots on goal.

To have a quantifiable goal, it may be necessary to make a subjective assessment of the quality of an action. For example, in practice you may feel awkward or inhibited performing a particular action. You then define the quality which is the positive opposite, eg, smooth, flowing, powerful, etc. You rate yourself, on a one-to-10 scale, on how smooth, flowing or powerful you feel at the start of the session; then set a challenging but realistic improved score to be reached by the end of the session. You thereby make a measurable goal for the session based on your own sensations. You taught yourself how to walk, ride a bike and catch a ball by paying attention to what was happening. There is no reason why you cannot use your awareness of senses to assist your learning now.

It will be useful to discuss with your coach what each of you discovered in your performance in training or competition. What were your strengths and where were your weaknesses? Was the aim achieved completely, in part, or not at all? Sometimes your assessment of your play may be coloured by such things as scoring a goal. You might assess that that made the game peformance a success, whereas the rest of your play may have been below par.

Conversely, if you made one costly mistake which led to a goal being scored against your team, you might allow that negatively to colour your assessment of a generally excellent game performance. For improved performance, it will be valuable to look at an accurate assessment of where each problem lies.

If you are working in partnership with a coach or adviser, for best results you will both need to share your goals. If the aspirations of either one of you are higher than the other, and this is not explored and agreement reached, there is every likelihood of a major problem. If, for example, you have ambitions to reach national level and your coach does not have the time, interest or ability to agree with that aim then, at the very least, frustration ensues. Or if your coach holds secret hopes that you will push yourself to new heights, and he has not shared these hopes with you, and your primary interest is in the social side of sport contact, then disappointment and frustration are inevitable. In essence, openness and honesty must be built into the goal-setting conversation.

Taking personal responsibility for your positive vision is one of the most vital parts of your armoury as a performer. It can be much easier just to follow instructions, and yet you have to take total responsibility when you are performing. Sharing and taking responsibility with a coach or parent in the training stage is a valuable learning step and a preparation tool. It provides a step towards greater maturity through personal development. It is probably the hardest step for you or any athlete to take.

The coach is usually older, more experienced and expected to know the "right" thing for you to do. To an extent, that is true; on the other hand, you will know best what is happening within yourself, if your awareness is adequately developed. Unless at some point you are willing to share and take responsibility for your direction and efforts, you will never fully develop your potential.

Early in life you had to take full responsibility for learning how to walk and run. It was largely an unconscious process but no doubt you were paying a lot of attention to what was happening. Later, when you learned how to ride a bike, it was perhaps more conscious but ultimately you had to take responsibility to pedal off and go for it. Once you had accepted full responsibility, you owned the experience and the ability to ride.

It may prove just as difficult for your coach to withdraw from total control of you, the performer. Evolution is a vital ingredient of any coach-athlete relationship. Obviously, the novice is much more dependent on the coach than an experienced performer.

A coach can often assist as a catalyst, challenging you to greater heights. However, a fine balance is needed between encouragement and pushing. The coach's role is one of an awareness-raiser, asking the question: "What can you achieve?" For the aspiring athlete, there is the question of moral responsibility, how to achieve success without cheating. I believe sportsmen and sportswomen have a responsibility to their higher selves, to achieve to the best of their abilities. I also believe that that is possible without resorting to unnatural and illegal aids such as steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs that damage the human body and debase and defile competitive sport.

Adapted from Winning Without Drugs, by David Hemery, with Guy Ogden and Alan Evans, to be published by Collins Willow on June 4 (£12.95).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Altitude may inhibit British

From a CORRESPONDENT, GOROKA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THE Papua New Guinea Kumuls, as the national side is known, have not had the greatest of success against the more powerful practitioners of the code, with only one victory, against New Zealand in 1986, on their honours board since they started playing at professional level in the early Eighties.

It is difficult to see that they will improve on this at Great Britain's expense tomorrow, although one or two special situations may make the Lions' task harder than in 1988, when they won 42-22 in the only international so far played in PNG between the two countries. A year earlier, Britain won the series during the Kumuls' first visit to Europe.

The special situations are linked to the geography of the country. Goroka, venue for the first international, is 4,000 feet above sea level; the Lions have played both their games so far at Port Moresby and Lae on the coast. Although lungs are said to adapt quickly to extract the necessary amount of oxygen, there may just be a quicker rate of exhaustion in the afternoon heat which, despite the mountainous surroundings, is still expected to reach 85°.

In addition, the local side has spent over a week in camp at altitude and is thoroughly accustomed to the conditions. Britain approved the venues and the itinerary which placed the first international at Goroka and the PNG Rugby League did not think it their business to sound any warning, assuming that experienced administrators should know what they were doing. There have been muted rumblings from the Lions' management but nothing volcanic.

The PNG side contains some names familiar to those who saw them in England three years ago. Bal Numapo, Arnold Krewanty and Arebo Taumako played in the internationals; also in the party were Bobby Ako, Michael Matmillo and Joe Gispe. The new arrivals are products of the country's inter-city competition, which has introduced payments to players for the first time and brought about an improvement in standards.

In an echo of the crowd trouble at Lae on Wednesday, the police have stepped up their surveillance of the access roads to Goroka.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: I Wanega, A Krewanty, P Boga, B Numapo, C Iitam; S Haru, G Ongogo; B Ako, M Matmillo, T Evei, J Gispe, A Taumako, M Angas. *Substitutes:* M Morea, N Kooi, G Angas, M Tiri.

HOCKEY

Southgate pull Kerly back into rearguard

SEAN Kerly, the England and Great Britain centre forward, will play a new role as centre half for Southgate in the European club championship at Frankfurt from June 1 to 4 (Sydney Friskin writes). Southgate's reshuffle causes Soma Singh, who has already established his claims as centre half for England, to move to inside right and Welch to take over as centre forward.

Southgate's squad of 16 includes Bill Waugh, a distinguished striker of short corners for the successful under-18 team.

Southgate, who won the event three years consecutively from 1976 to 1978, face Bloemendaal in their first match on June 1.

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FISHING

The bigger the mayfly the bigger the mystery

By CONRAD VOSS BARK

THE big mayfly is a curious creature. So for that matter are trout, especially the way that trout behave when the mayfly is on the water. Sometimes they go for it like demons, sometimes they ignore it.

There was the case on the Avon at Amesbury some years ago when there was the biggest hatch of mayfly I had ever seen. The water was littered with both duns and spinners. There must have been half a dozen flies on every square yard of water. Yet not a trout rose to take them. The flies were being ignored.

Then last year on the Test there was a good hatch of fly and the trout were rising to them all over the river. Yet not a single fish came to my artificial. The trout looked upon the Shadow Mayfly, the Grey Wulff and the Shaving Brush with disdain.

Yet the same angler using the same artificial flies on the same river this year during a similar hatch of mayfly could do no wrong. Fish rose to his flies well even when there was a splashy cast, several were missed, one returned, and then — great excitement — a monster came up from the deeps that felt like a log when it was hooked on the shadow mayfly.

An admirable and satisfying day, entirely different to the other two, and for no really satisfactory or obvious reason. This enormous variation in conditions and the responses of the trout seems to me to be the essence of mayfly fishing. It certainly is rarely or never "A duffer's fortnight".

Dispelling the myths about trout fishing

By JACK CROSSLEY

THERE is a lot of mumbo-jumbo written about trout fishing, but Richard Willett cannot be accused of committing this sin. He has just written and illustrated a book for beginners which is no more than 24 pages long and which includes this welcome paragraph:

"Fly fishing was once regarded as a superior method of catching fish. The skills were greatly exaggerated, causing many anglers to be dissuaded from even attempting this method. In my opinion it is no more difficult to master than any other form of angling."

He goes on to explain still-water trout fishing in language which will be understood by anyone old enough to read. The myth of trout fishing as a complex, superior, upmarket affair is destroyed with sentences like: "It is important to understand that there is only one basic problem and therefore one real mistake to be made in fly casting. The problem is that you must make the fly rod do the work, and not your arm. The rod must be made to act as a spring to propel a virtually weightless object — the fly — through the air."

Willett, aged 25, is a wild-life artist from Leicestershire whose pictures sell for as much as £35,000. He reckons that a beginner could buy all the gear needed, buy a day ticket and have trout for supper for just under £60. And that includes the cost of the book.

● *Let's Start Still Water Trout Fishing* by Richard Willett (Crowood Press, £2.99).

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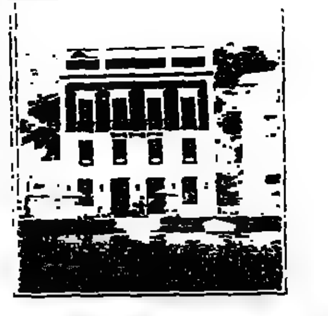

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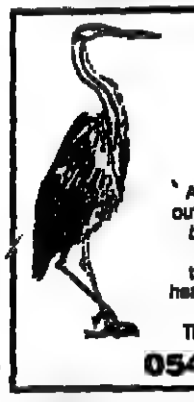

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TRAVEL

At the end of the road

When you reach Key West, the southernmost point of the United States, there is nowhere else left to go. Lucretia Stewart succumbs to its ruggedly raunchy charms and learns the art of survival on a diet of alcohol and raw fish

When Ernest Hemingway was asked why, in the Thirties, he had fetched up at Key West, he is supposed to have answered rather sourly that there was nowhere left to run to. When he met Martha Gellhorn in a bar called Sloppy Joe's, he learnt that there was still Cuba.

Driving the 154 miles south from Miami, you can see what he meant. Key West has an end-of-the-line feel to it, which the inevitably slow cruise along US1 reinforces. US1 has a speed limit of 55mph and is single-lane almost all the way. And though this does mean you get ample opportunity to admire the birdlife (watch out for pelicans on kamikaze missions aimed at your windscreen) and the shifting blues of water and sky to each side of Seven Mile Bridge, it does take forever. You think you will never get there and, when finally you do, there is nowhere else to go. The days of taking boats on to Cuba are long gone.

It is difficult to get a handle on Key West, but the island's writers provide, as it were, the key to the place. Read Hemingway and particularly *To Have And Have Not*. Read Thomas McGuane's *Ninety-Two in the Shade*. Read Thomas Sanchez's *Mile Zero*. Read John Leslie's *Blood on the Keys*. And read, if you can get hold of it, *The Key West Reader* (published by Tortugas, Box 2626, Key West, FL 33045), with contributions about the place from Key West writers as diverse as Elizabeth Bishop, Philip Caputo, John Dos Passos, Tennessee Williams and all the above.

A picture will begin to form. Key West likes writers and writers like Key West. You will learn that the Florida Keys in general, and Key West in particular, generate a kind of rugged prose – rugged in style and in subject matter. The Keys, it seems, are full of murder and mayhem, smuggling and shipwrecking, piracy, drugs, drunkenness, and brawling. Miami is, after all, not so far away.

But when you get to the end of the road, you may wonder if you have come to the right place for all that stuff. There, in the Old Town, are the prettiest little white wooden-frame houses, peeping out from behind forests of bougainvillaea, poinciana, oleander and jacaranda. There the streets all have soft-sounding names like Angela, Olivia, Frances, Petronia, Rose and Virginia. There are old trams and pink taxis. There are cats and kittens everywhere. "How pretty! How quaint!" you think. "How tame." "And where," you wonder, "is all the action I've been reading about?"

But quite soon it becomes clear that the fears Hemingway expressed in *To Have and Have Not* were groundless. He had Harry Morgan predict gloomily, "What they're trying to do is starve you Conchs [locals] out of here so they can burn down the shacks and put up apartments and make this a tourist town ... they're going to make it into a beauty spot for tourists." Not quite. There are tourist attractions but they are all rather tacky, they somehow just miss, as if to ensure that no *real* tourist could take them seriously.

Take this "southernmost" business. Key West is the southernmost point of the United States, and much is made of it. There is the southernmost motel, southernmost car rental company, southernmost laundromat, and so on. It all seems reasonable enough until you go to Mallory Square to watch the sunset. Key West is big on sunsets. Mallory Square at dusk has much of the atmosphere of a fairground, albeit a rather kitsch one. And there, strolling up and down insouciantly, drowning out the chatter and bustle with a mournful and penetrating wail is – you blink, but, no, he's real all right (or real enough for Key West) – the self-styled southernmost bagpiper.

While the piper may be one of the wackiest sights in Key West, there are other less obvious things that make you wonder. I went one morning to the central post office on Whitehead Street and asked, *en passant*, why there seemed to be so few letter-boxes. Back came the response "Better not use those you do find. People tend to put beer bottles and dead fish in them."

Then there is the condom and French tickler (assorted styles and colours) dispenser in the ladies' room at Sloppy Joe's. This may, of course, be part of the anti-Aids campaign exemplified by the car stickers that read "Don't Forget Your Rubber, Bubba" ("bubba" seems to be Conch for "mate" or "pal").

Sloppy Joe's is one of the two bars that vie for the honour of having been Hemingway's favourite hang-out. The other is Captain Tony's, which claims to be the oldest on the island. From quite early in the day, rock music of the late Sixties blares from its shabby portals and it is difficult to resist the breakfast Bloody Marys. In 1985 Captain Tony ran for mayor and almost won. You can buy a poster of him with the adage "All you need in life is a tremendous sex drive and a great ego – brains don't mean a shit".

That's one of the attractions of Key West. Despite its prettiness, its raunchy style makes you want to behave in a raunchy way. You start wanting to stay up late getting drunk. You start wanting to breakfast on booze and raw fish. You feel deprived if you haven't had six Margharitas for lunch and 12 for dinner.

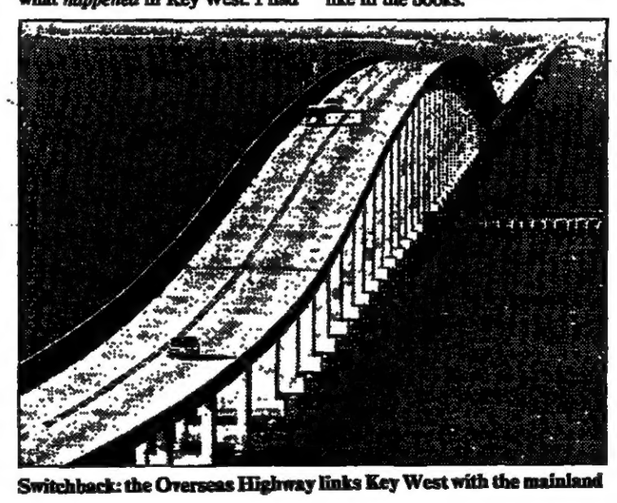
And fortunately there are plenty of places to cater to this new, depraved side of your character. Drinking apart, you can also eat well in Key West. The fresh shrimp is particularly fine and, unless you want to show off, you can exist very comfortably on alcohol, Conch chowder and raw fish, a diet that leaves you raring to go.

The Full Moon Saloon on Simenton Street is where the writers hang out. The proprietor has style. One year he closed the bar on New Year's Eve because he considered it "amateur night". It's where unspeakable things are supposed to happen but, on the night I went there, the action was back at our little white cottage on Stump Lane.

It was nothing very dramatic, just a small robbery, but it did provide the explanation for the numerous pawn shops in Key West. The thieves had entered discreetly and with evident ease. They had taken $250, an antique gold watch and a brand-new tape recorder. Officer Arbie was well over 6ft, blond and blue-eyed. He told us that the town was now a "crack town" and had been for the past year and a half. There had been 47 burglaries during the previous 10 days in the same small area of the Old Town.

I had been beginning to wonder what *happened* in Key West. I had been to the Hemingway House, a beautiful place wrecked by the presence of about 50 pampered cats. I had seen the sunset – and the piper. I had admired the architecture and the ocean. I had eaten Mexican, Cuban, Italian and French food. Now I knew that Key West was a real place after all, just like in the books.

Where America ends: Key West has the southernmost car rental company, and the southernmost laundromat, in the United States



Switchback: the Overseas Highway links Key West with the mainland

TRAVEL NOTES

There are no direct flights from Britain to Key West. The cheapest way of flying there is with Pan Am (reservations 071 409 3377) via Miami. An Apex return, booked a minimum of three weeks in advance costs from £471. Airborne Travel (071 706 2288) is currently offering the best deal on flights to Miami at £350 return in June.

If you wish to drive from Miami, to Key West, be sure to get your travel agent to make the booking from the UK, otherwise you are liable for $150 "drop off" charge if you want to return the car to somewhere other than where you picked it up. Alamo has very reasonable rates.

● Hotels: The Pier House, 1 Duval Street, Key West (0101 305 294 9541). Double rooms with ocean views start at £115 a night on weekdays, and £128 at weekends in low season. The Reach, Simonton Street, Key West (0101 305 296 5000). Doubles with ocean views from £105 mid-week, and £124 at weekends in low season.

● Essential reading: *The Florida Keys: A History and Guide* by Joy Williams (Random House, £8.50).

Devon coast clean-up

After the great mop-up, which beaches will be safe to swim from?

A massive clean-up effort has succeeded in re-opening most of the oil-hit beaches of south Devon in time for the Bank Holiday. More than 100 workmen have helped mop up the tons of oil which spilled into Bigbury Bay after the Rosebay supertanker accident. Although there is still oil on rocks and headlands, tourism officials say the area is ready to cope with the annual holiday invasion.

The first priority was to clear the most popular of the beaches at Challaborough and Bigbury-on-Sea. Both were re-opened within days of the disaster, which took place on May 12, but work continued at the more remote and beautiful beaches.

One of the hardest tasks was at Wonwell at the mouth of the Erme. Only one narrow lane leads to the beach, and police had to run traffic controls as dozens of workmen and their machinery were moved into the area. But South Hams council says both Wonwell on the east side of the River Erme and Mothecombe on the west are now clear of oil and open for visitors.

The whole of the Erme estuary is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and much of the early cleaning operation was concentrated on trying to keep oil away from its salt marshes, which provide a valuable habitat for birds.

Further round the coast, the beaches at Bantham and Thurlestone, which were less seriously affected, have been reopened after mopping-up work.

Visitors who stay at Thurlestone like to explore the pretty, uncrowded beaches, and on Thursday the council claimed it had cleared the major coves along the coast. The nature reserve behind the beach at Thurlestone, South Milton Ley, was protected from the oil by a sandbar and an oil boom; and its population of birds and other wildlife has not suffered.

The coast is full of rocky outcrops and headlands, and after taking expert advice, South Hams council has come to the conclusion is little point in trying to wash these. A mild detergent is being used on some rocks on beaches, but most of the work is being left to the wearing action of the sea. With the beaches already clear of oil, the council hopes that the only summer tourists who will notice any residual pollution will be keen rock-climbers who venture away from the main beaches.

Edward Davenport

Life is not a shopping mall

Russell Chamberlin finds a fierce tradition of national independence beyond the duty-free goods on a visit to the tiny state of Andorra, wedged between France and Spain

Andorra? *Oxford Street in the Pyrenees,*" a friend said caustically. "Just a big duty-free shop. *And* a tax evaders' paradise. Why bother?"

There was a certain amount of truth in his strictures. Yes, Andorra-la-Vella – the capital – is indeed mostly a shopping mall, if a well-designed one. And yes, its virtually duty-free goods are indeed a potent attraction. But that in its turn creates one of the oddest economies in Europe. Some three million people pass through the country each year, and though the goods they buy are dirt-cheap from a foreigner's point of view, each purchase carries a small tax of 3 per cent or so, and 3 per cent multiplied by three million and spread around a population of under 40,000 in a country smaller than Yorkshire produces some very interesting social results.

I was particularly intrigued by its political structure. Was it really a sovereign republic, as was claimed? Or was its independence purely notional, a Spanish San Marino or Sark? Very rapidly, at the customs barrier, one discovers that sovereignty is real, for cars tend to be turned over with an enthusiasm not usually found at European frontier posts these days. That independence might well have been tested if Spain had been drawn into the Second World War. But the miniature state survived that, and even managed to stand aloof from the horrors of the Spanish Civil War.

Andorra-la-Vella sits at the junction of three river valleys which form a Y. At more than 1,000 metres, it boasts of being *Europe's highest* capital, but even so mountains tower steeply above the narrow valley. At first sight the town seems to be entirely modern, built of conventional but good *architecture*. Even that ubiquitous monster, the multi-storey car park, has been tamed and subsumed into the townscape, helped by the startling variations of levels.

Tucked away within the modern townscape are sturdy survivals from the past: intimate little squares with light-hearted statuary and enchanting fountains. Outstanding among the architectural survivals is the Casa de la Vall – in effect, the parliament building – and its square. The carefully posed tourist photographs give the impression that this sturdy, stone-built 16th century building is in rural surroundings. In fact, it is slap-bang in the commercial heart, giving it identity and a dignity of continuity.

Andorra has one of Europe's most remarkable constitutions. It claims, indeed, to be unique in the world. Legend has it that the state was founded by Charlemagne. Certainly it was in existence by the 13th century, when it was ruled by the Count of Foix and the (Spanish) Bishop of Urgell. In the pretty little square outside the Casa, a sculpture commemorates the 700th anniversary of the foundation of the state in 1278. The gleaming bald head of President Giscard d'Estaing in the sculpture easily identifies the current successor to the Count of Foix.

Village life: humble exteriors conceal surprising luxury

The Casa is open to the public when the council is not sitting, and is a must on any itinerary, for its architectural as well as historic interest. The meeting hall of one of Europe's oldest parliaments is cosily panelled in wood. Nearby is the legendary cupboard of the six locks, where the archives of the tiny state were housed, each of the then six parishes holding a key. Down below is a kitchen with a vast central hearth, like any mountain farmhouse. In these high valleys, representatives could be marooned for days in winter, and they were evidently determined to make themselves comfortable.

In the small town of Ordino, a mile or so away up the valley of the Valira del Nord is another aristocratic mansion, now a museum which provides a picture of the surprisingly luxurious way of life possible in these seemingly barren, if beautiful valleys of the high Pyrenees. Built in the early 17th century, its series of rooms are filled with family furniture and treasures, of which the most outstanding is the immense Sèvres dining set, a gift to the family from no less a person than the Austrian emperor.

Despite the lack of space, the little towns and villages still somehow maintain their separate identities. Most poignant are the Romanesque churches, minute structures frequently smaller than any of the houses over which they preside, yet endowed inside with a wealth of art, naïve but with tremendous impact. Predellas are richly decorated with a narrative of the church's patron saint, and the beams of roofs and porches are richly carved.

In the church at Canillo, on the main road to France, a 12th century stucco sculpture of Christ, discovered and restored in 1963, though fragmented, exerts a brooding presence over a nave that would fit into a suburban house.

Modern church architecture can match anything from the past. The famous sanctuary of Meritxell was almost totally destroyed by fire in 1972. The decision was taken not to rebuild: a great new church, cool in black and white and uncompromisingly modern, has been built alongside the carefully preserved ruins of the old, visually linked to it but separate. Not a bad symbol for this little state which, against all probabilities, maintains its independence, linked to its neighbours – but separate.

TRAVEL NOTES

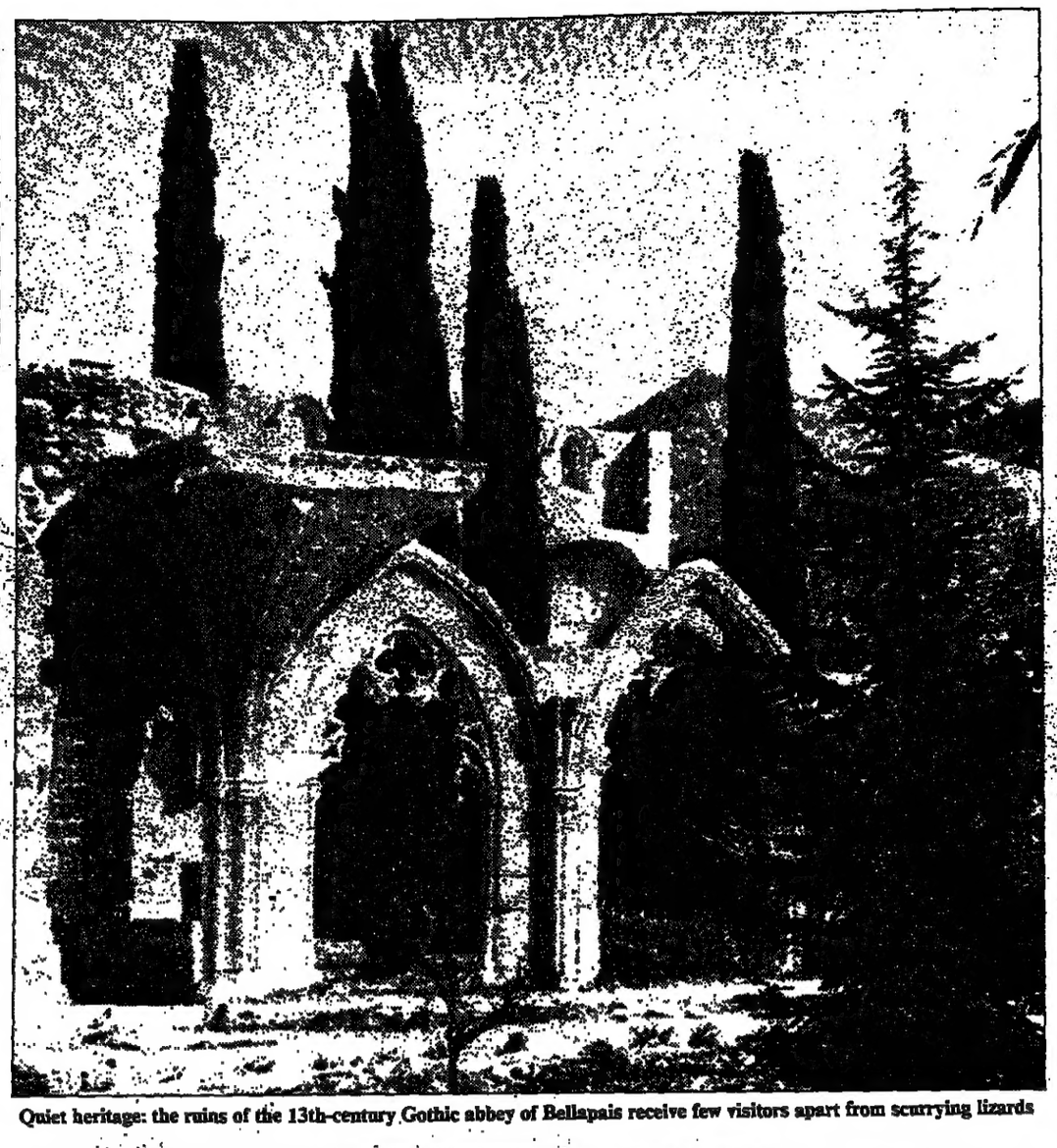
We flew Iberia to Barcelona (cheapest Moneysaver return flights from £129; *information 071-437 9822*), and drove on to Andorra by hired car. (There is also a twice-daily bus.) We stayed at the Hotel Pyrenees in the older part of Andorra-la-Vella with a good room at around £25 a night (010 33 628 20508).

TRAVEL

Turkish, with a difference

Caravanserai mosque

Peter Strafford explores the little-known pleasures of Northern Cyprus



Quiet heritage: the ruins of the 13th-century Gothic abbey of Bellapais receive few visitors apart from scurrying lizards

North Cyprus has become one of the best-kept secrets of the Mediterranean. It is not likely to stay that way now that tourism is building up, but for the time being it has a peaceful, unspoilt character which is a direct result of more than a decade of relative isolation.

It has, of course, changed since 1974, when years of tension between Greek and Turkish Cypriots culminated in the occupation of the north by the Turkish army. Greek Cypriots moved out of the towns and villages of the north, just as Turkish Cypriots moved out of their homes in the south, and the atmosphere, once predominantly Greek, is now Turkish.

It is, however, Turkish with a difference. Because of their own history, the Turkish Cypriots are gentler, more cosmopolitan and, on average, better off than the Turks of the mainland. But they are equally hospitable, and the restaurants, particularly in and around Kyrenia, draw on the full riches of the Turkish cuisine.

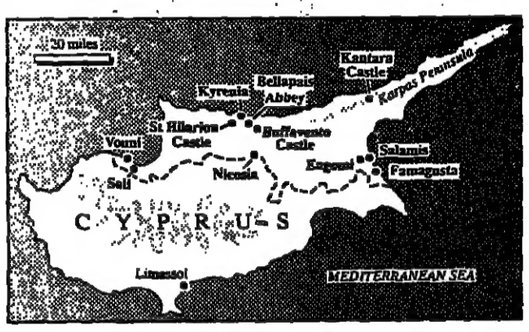
There are also some superb sites, relics of a long history which has seen the island occupied and ruled by a succession of peoples: Mycenaean Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Crusaders, Venetians and Ottoman Turks. I often saw no one else at the sites – just lizards scrambling over the fallen stones in the sunshine.

We made our base in Kyrenia (Girne in Turkish). It has a pretty harbour, lined with bars and restaurants, and reflects the recent history of Cyprus by having a Greek Orthodox church (now closed) at one end, and a mosque at the other. In the centre is a picturesque stone tower topped with a pillar which, in medieval times, supported the heavy metal chain that was strung across the entrance to keep out hostile intruders.

Dominating the scene is a massive castle, which dates back to Byzantine times but was extensively rebuilt by the Venetians. It was a largely wasted effort, because after less than 100 years of Venetian rule it was surrendered to the Turks without a shot, after the fortified harbour of Famagusta had fallen to them at the end of a long siege.

Kyrenia castle is still an impressive and theatrical place to visit. Inside it, carefully preserved, is the wreck of a Greek trading ship of about 300 BC. This was discovered off the coast in the 1960s and was raised from the sea-bed complete with a cargo of amphorae, millstones and even almonds, probably the crew's rations.

Kyrenia is a good base for seeing northern Cyprus because it is pretty and also central. Towering over it, a few miles to the south, is the Kyrenia mountain range with its jagged line of peaks, and nowhere is more than a few hours' drive away. Car hire is relatively cheap and the roads generally good, as well as uncrowded.



Along the coast, to both east and west, is a succession of sandy beaches with clear blue water. We were particularly taken with Deniz Kizi, or Mermaid Beach, where you can either sit on the sand under bamboo beach umbrellas or watch the scene from a terrace bar.

A few miles inland from Kyrenia is one of the most enchanting places in northern Cyprus, the village of Bellapais. Perched on a hillside and surrounded by lush vegetation, the village is dominated by the ruins of its Gothic abbey, built in the 13th century when Cyprus was ruled by the Lusignans, a Crusader family.

Bellapais was the setting for Lawrence Durrell's *Bitter Lemons*, which described his stay in Cyprus in the 1950s when the village was predominantly Greek. The abbey ruins, with their honey-coloured stone, bare, elegant arches and soaring cypress trees, are still hauntingly beautiful. While I was there, they were being used for the first International Girne (Kyrenia) Festival of Music, with performers from Britain, the United States, France, Turkey and Cyprus.

Also from the Lusignan period, and built on one of the peaks of the Kyrenia range, is another dramatic site: the castle of St Hilarion. Like Kyrenia castle, St Hilarion was originally a Byzantine stronghold, but was extended by the Lusignans and now has a fairy-tale quality, with ruins climbing up and crowning a sharply pointed mountain-top.

As you clamber up the path you can see far below, as if from an aeroplane, the harbour of Kyrenia and the surrounding plain dotted with villages and, further out, the sea. A good place to pause and take in the view is a café built in the ruins where you can drink sharp, freshly pressed orange juice.

There are two other castles, Buffavento and Kantara, both built on the heights of the Kyrenia range and offering magnificent views: on a clear day you can see the Taurus mountains in Turkey. But northern Cyprus is not all mountains, and we crossed the Kyrenia range to the central plain heading for Nicosia, the divided capital of a divided island.

Nicosia, or Lefkoşa in Turkish, still has the extensive, star-shaped fortifications left by the Venetians. The old city, inside the walls, is divided by the Green Line and if you go to a high point, such as the restaurant of the Saray Hotel, you can see the contrast between the two sectors: the Greek side sprouting new white high-rise buildings, the Turkish less high and less developed, with an orange tint from the many tiled roofs.

The dominant building in Turkish Nicosia is the Selimiye mosque, originally built as Santa Sophia cathedral in the 13th century. When the Turks captured Cyprus in the 16th century, they gave it two large minarets and changed its internal axis so prayers are now said facing south, in the direction of Mecca, rather than east. But beneath the trimmings of Islam it remains an impressive piece of French Gothic architecture.

The surrounding streets are often shabby but full of evocative buildings from Cyprus's past. There is Haidar Pasha mosque, also a former church, and Arab Ahmet mosque, an enchanting little building from the Ottoman period; there are two Ottoman *hans* or caravanserais, the Büyük and the Kumarcilar, and several old houses turned into museums.

For anyone interested in Cyprus's history, and the interplay of Christian and Muslim, Turkish Nicosia is an absorbing place.

The same is true of Famagusta, Gazimagusa in Turkish. At one time this was one of the richest ports in the eastern Mediterranean, and a sense of past grandeur and tragedy pervades the old town. Its surviving churches, some converted to other uses, some still standing in ruins, tower over the hustle and bustle of today.

Here, too, are powerful Venetian fortifications, and the Lion of St Mark can be seen on one of the bastions known as Othello's Tower. But the walls were not strong enough to withstand the long Turkish siege of 1570-71, and the fall of Famagusta was a turning point in Cyprus's history, marking its incorporation into the Ottoman Empire.

There is another former cathedral here, and it is even more striking than the Selimiye in Nicosia. Built as St Nicholas in the 14th century, with some superb stone tracery, it was given a small minaret after 1571 and since then has been known as the Lala Mustafa Paşa mosque, after the commander of the besieging Turkish forces.

Famagusta, too, is somewhere to stroll and meditate. The great cathedral-turned-mosque is only one of many honey-coloured churches from the great days of the past. For an overall view you can go up on to the city walls.

For a complete change of atmosphere you have only to drive a few miles north to Salamis, an elegant survival from the Graeco-Roman period. Salamis was a prosperous port in its day and its ruins, many still unexcavated, cover a wide area.

The visible remains make it one of the high spots of a trip to northern Cyprus. Marble columns, topped with Corinthian-style capitals, surround the former gymnasium, and tucked away in the nearby baths are some fine strips of mosaic, including a portrait of the Eurotas river-god. To the south is the restored, perhaps over-restored, theatre.

There is much more to be seen in northern Cyprus, from the Karpas peninsula in the east to the orange-groves of the Güzelyurt area in the west. There is the pleasure of coming upon other deserted sites from the remote past: the Mycenaean-period city at Engomi, near Salamis; the floor mosaics at Soli, a Graeco-Roman city in the west; and the nearby mountain-top palace at Vouni, built under Persian influence in the 5th century BC.

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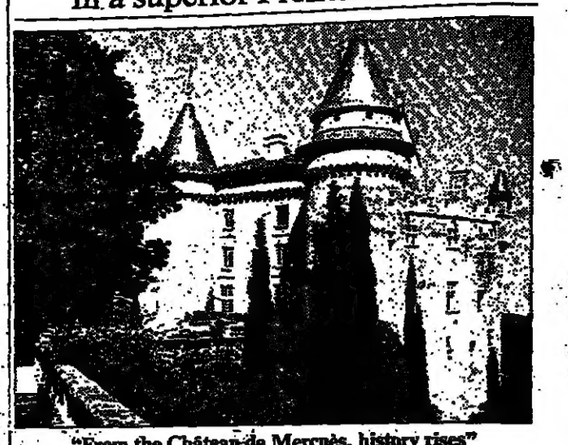
Cyprus Turkish Airlines (071-930 4851) has flights from Heathrow to Ercan airport, outside Nicosia, midweek economy return fare from £240. Noble Air (071-495 2535) flies to Ercan from Gatwick and Stansted. Pex fares from £200. Package tours are available from President Travel (071-249 4002), Mosaic Holidays (071-355 3464) and Cricketer Holidays (0892 664242).

Au-dessus de sa gare

Ronald Faux enjoyed two days of pre-Revolutionary splendour in a superior French *château*



"From the Château de Mercuès, history rises"

Cahors lies towards the south-west corner of France, close enough to the Pyrenees for them to form a majestic backdrop on a clear day. It is a 7km drive to the Château de Mercuès, built on a hill above the town where, legend has it, the god Mercury touched down an Olympian toe and granted the spot his name.

When Christian beliefs swept away all other such influences in the Lot region some 1,200 years ago, a small chapel appeared on the hill-top. This was eventually fortified and by the 13th century had developed into a substantial structure. The same walls designed to resist invaders now welcome guests, since Mercuès has been richly restored as a most exclusive hotel and restaurant where visitors may imagine themselves for a short time part of the pre-Revolution French nobility.

The man behind the transformation and re-establishment of the vineyards linked with the Château de Mercuès is Georges Vigouroux, the latest in an ancient family line of wine growers and merchants in the Cahors district.

Two years ago, M. Vigouroux planted the high, stony ground which once yielded excellent wine for the Bishop-Lords and noble clergy of Mercuès. The first harvest yielded the 1987 Cahors Château de Mercuès and another cru, Château Haut Mercuès, links the building with its prestige past. M. Vigouroux has grand plans for the future although tradition will always be the master. "When the oenologist takes the place of the wine grower, technicity kills genius," he once said.

Technicity has not been allowed too free a hand in the hotel which the château has become, with modern comfort incorporated unobtrusively in to the old walls, stone floors and the solemn ambiance of the château.

Each bedroom is decorated with a different style. Tall antique cupboards, chests of drawers, tapestries and heavy curtains, writing desks and elegant decoration give an impression of private home rather than hotel.

Most in demand is the tower bedroom, set high in a 120ft-tall donjon with a glass ceiling. The Bishop's bedroom is also popular, being once the private suite of senior clergy. After General de Gaulle had stayed there and admired the view that plunges into the Lot valley, he wrote: "From the Château de Mercuès, history rises."

Food is taken no less seriously than wine at this centre for those in search of good food, elegant surroundings and an ambience of history. From his kitchen Hervé Guérin produces a menu of excellent quality. Complemented by the wines of Cahors, the meal gave our table the air of a group of benign bishops. Four hours later we had been whisked back to Luton.

TRAVEL NOTES

● Air Foyle offers a programme of Escapade holidays with two nights' accommodation at more than 20 destinations in France. The Château de Mercuès visit cost £670 per person. Further details from Air Foyle Executive, Halcyon House, Luton Airport, Luton LU2 9LU (0582 419792).

TRAVEL NEWS

HIGH-KICKING footballers will not be the only sporting heroes in Milan this summer. A century after Buffalo Bill's rodeo show hit town, bucking broncos will be kicking up the dust of Milan Arena again on June 22 and 23. There will also be an opportunity to see Italian paintings from the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries back on their home ground: a collection loaned by the Hermitage in Leningrad will be exhibited at Milan's Palazzo Reale from June 6 until September.

Australia, the most aspired-to destination in our survey of *Times* readers' holiday habits, is no longer seen as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. More than half of those who travelled there with Rainbow Holidays said they will want to return within five to 10 years. But the poll of those who had seen Oz for themselves with the company's Australia in Focus programme said that service in British hotels, shops and restaurants was better.

Ring out the new, ring in the old. Ibiza's best-known resort, San Antonio, is to have its old Catalan name of Sant Antoni back again – all part of the drive to give the place a bit of tone and put lager louts from our minds.

Fixing up affordable transfers from airport to resort has always been the hitch in putting together DIY ski packages. But now Intasun is offering bookable coach transfers from £18 return with its Skyworld programme of charter flights. Reservations through travel agents.

Pickfords Travel has introduced a pick-and-mix brochure offering "selected hotels and apartments in Spain, Greece and Malta for independent travellers". The price tables make fascinating reading: more than one hotel reckons to feed you for £4 a day. Details from Pickfords branches.

Shona Crawford Poole
Travel Editor

TRAVEL BOOKS

● *TRAVELS IN NEPAL*, by Charlie Pye-Smith (Penguin £4.99) is now out in paperback. Unlike many who are carried away by the romance of the Himalaya, Mr Pye-Smith puts Nepal in to perspective. Nothing – foreign aid, wildlife parks, tourism, hydro-electric power – is as simple as it first appears. Not a guidebook, but essential reading for those who want to see beneath the tourist veneer.

● The Soviet Union is likely to become one of the hot tourist spots of the 1990s, so *Discovering Moscow*, by Helen Boldyreff Semler (Equation £9.95), is a well-timed guidebook. Its 384 pages are packed with facts: historical, cultural and practical. There are also suggested itineraries, with maps, and a useful guide to museums and galleries, shopping, hotels and restaurants.

● Although one knows there is much to see after the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, it is easy to waste time wandering aimlessly in search of hidden treasures. That is where *Slow Walks in Paris*, by Michael Leitch (Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95) could help. This book details 22 walks, each lasting anywhere from one to six hours, in specific areas. Leitch's style is leisurely and chatty, giving lots of unusual detail and information – right down to the exact bench from which to obtain a good view in the Place Dauphine.

● David Wallace takes a similar approach to the British capital in *London – the Circle Line Guide* (Penguin £5.99). The author argues that most of London's famous sights are within a short walk of one of the 27 stations of the Underground line which rings the heart of the city. He guides the reader past attractions which range from the well-known museums and monuments to the unsignposted gentlemen's clubs and discreet shops with 300-year histories.

Jenny Tabakoff

TRAVEL

High spirits in the kingdom of the dead

Frederic Spotts visits the ancient civilization of Torajaland in Indonesia, where funerals are a time for celebration

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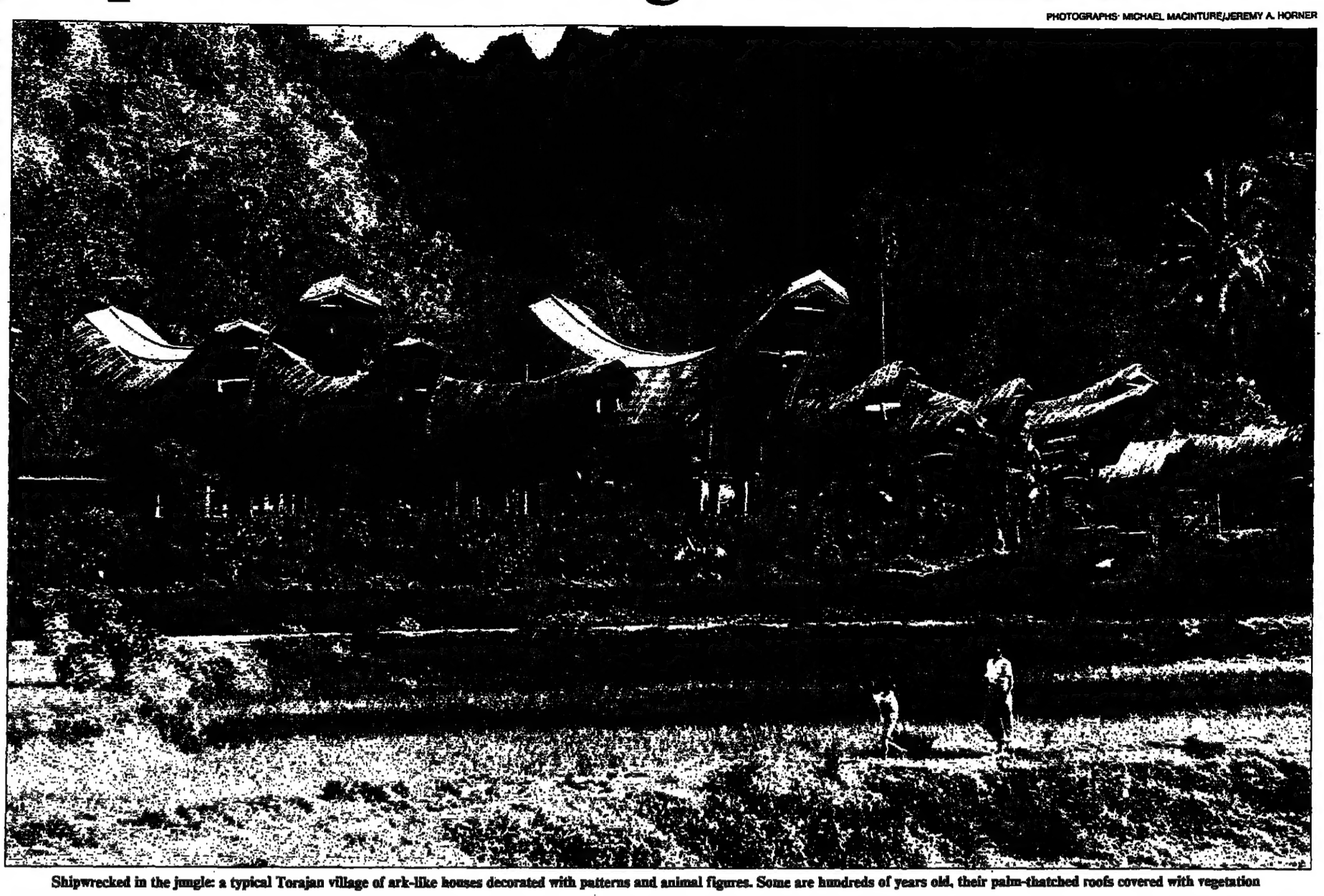


Shipwrecked in the jungle: a typical Torajan village of ark-like houses decorated with patterns and animal figures. Some are hundreds of years old, their palm-thatched roofs covered with vegetation

Woodwind: native flautist

One of the greatest pleasures of travel comes from being able to combine a dramatic change of location with an authentic step back in time. The pleasure is all the greater if the place is scenically outstanding and the time change is one, not of mere centuries, but of millenniums.

When the area is accessible, not just to rugged young trekkers prepared to rough it but also to ageing sybarites wanting air-conditioned transport, a western bed and bath, a swimming pool, a bar and dining room, there you have a Shangri-La with all mod cons.

Such a place is Torajaland in the highlands of southern Sulawesi, the oddly shaped Indonesian island known in English as Celebes. Hidden away in this remote mountainous area is an ancient civilization, little changed over many centuries, and some of the most sublime scenery to be found in Asia.

By far the most curious feature of Torajan civilization — and what attracts most visitors — is its death cult and the related ceremonies and tombs. Although Christianity is now the predominant religion, it is only a thin veneer over traditional animist beliefs and ancestor worship.

The Torajan is obsessed by death and, like the ancient Egyptian, believes you *can* take it with you. A funeral ceremony is therefore as much celebration as obsequy — in fact it is called a "festival of the dead" — and requires the sacrifice of the most precious of a family's possessions, its farm animals, in the belief that they will join the dead person in the next life. Throngs of relatives, friends and villagers from miles around attend the event, which lasts from three to 10 days.

The higher the caste of the deceased, the longer the ceremony and the larger the number of animals sacrificed. Although for a poor peasant, one water buffalo and six or eight pigs suffice, for the noble caste as many as 24 buffalo and 200 pigs are slaughtered. In James Frazer's *The Golden Bough* one can read about ancient blood sacrifices; in Torajaland one can still actually witness them. The ceremony is an experience never to be forgotten, gruesome but fascinating.

No one may be buried without such a ceremony. Until a family accumulates the necessary wealth — often a matter of years — the loved one is stored in a spare room at home. It is not uncommon when visiting a Torajan family to find that a deceased relative has been lying upstairs in a coffin for years awaiting burial.

The tombs themselves are renowned as the strangest in the world. The simplest are chiselled into huge stone boulders; most of these go back to the 18th century. More modern ones, shaped like miniature Torajan houses, stand on stilts in rice fields. Several others lie in deep limestone caves strewn with bones and skulls that have fallen from decayed coffins and inhabited by bats, and spiders the size of a large hand.

Odder yet are the infants' graves lodged in big trees, in the belief that the child's soul will grow with the tree. The most famous tombs are those immured in sheer cliffs, hundreds of feet above ground, so that they cannot be looted of jewellery and other precious objects. These are for persons of the highest caste, who are immortalized in wooden effigies, called *tau-tau*, placed in a sort of balcony built much lower down on the cliff. There they stand century after century, staring into space as if from the promenade deck of some bizarre ship.

Travellers also come to Torajaland for another reason, to see the unique houses. These two-storey oblong structures look like earth-bound ships, prows high in the air. Their fronts and sides are often marvellously decorated with colourful and elaborate geometrical patterns and animal figures. Buffalo horns, displayed on a vertical column at the front, proclaim a family's status and wealth. Some houses are many hundreds of years old, their palm-thatched roofs covered with vegetation and the whole structure bleached a venerable grey.

The typical Torajan village is a row of 10 or 12 such houses, faced by a row of small, similarly shaped, rice barns. Viewed from a distance, the houses look like the starting line of a terrestrial regatta, as in a way they should, since the Torajans' explanation for this curious architecture is that their Indo-Chinese ancestors were washed ashore in a storm and eventually moved inland, taking their shipwrecked boats with them as homes. The "nautical" style has been maintained ever since.

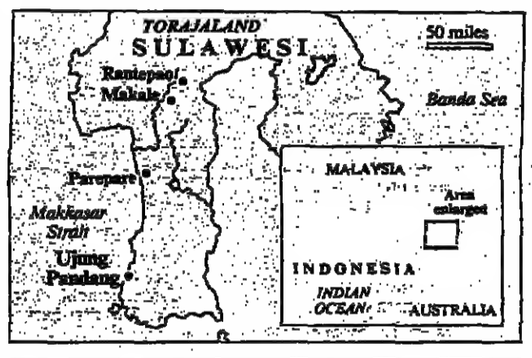
Just a few miles off the narrow tourist track is a tropical land which one can explore with a rare sense of adventure. Rantepao, the main town of Torajaland, is a hub of trails and crude dirt roads that lead in every direction. Walks or treks can be arranged, on one's own or with a local guide, that last from half a day to several weeks. Not only is the landscape spectacular, but one passes through villages and rice fields where one sees scenes of daily life as it has been lived for more than a thousand years.

A trip to Torajaland starts in Ujung Padang, the capital of the island on the southern coast. The interesting drive north takes about eight hours, allowing for stops along the way for lunch and refreshments. The initial 100 kilometres is along a flat coastal plain covered with rice fields; the road is often in sight of the sea and by the roadside are stalls festooned with large dried fish. Off in the distance lie steep jungle-covered limestone hills, described nearly 150 years ago by the naturalist A.R. Wallace: "Nowhere in [Indonesia] have I seen such gorges, chasms and precipices; in many parts there are vertical or even over-hanging precipices 500ft or 600ft high, yet completely clothed with a tapestry of vegetation."

About half-way up the peninsula is Parepare, a convenient place for lunch. After that the road, which often runs parallel to the impressive Saddan River, climbs into the Sinaji mountains. The temperature plunges to the low 80s, the vistas become steadily more impressive and the trees and vegetation change. In addition to the ubiquitous banana and coconut trees now appear clove plantations, fields of cassava, teak trees and wild coffee bushes along with several types of pine.

This is an area of subsistence farming and across the vast distances are very few signs of habitation. Little roadside stands sell pink and yellow bags filled with sweets made of brown sugar and peanuts, sacks of *salak* (a small bland fruit covered in what looks to be brown snakeskin) and coffee.

The road enters Torajaland at the village of Salubarani, marked by an elaborate gate in the shape of a miniature Torajan house. For most travellers the journey ends in Makale, the area's administrative centre, or in Rantepao, with its much wider range of accommodations and restaurants.



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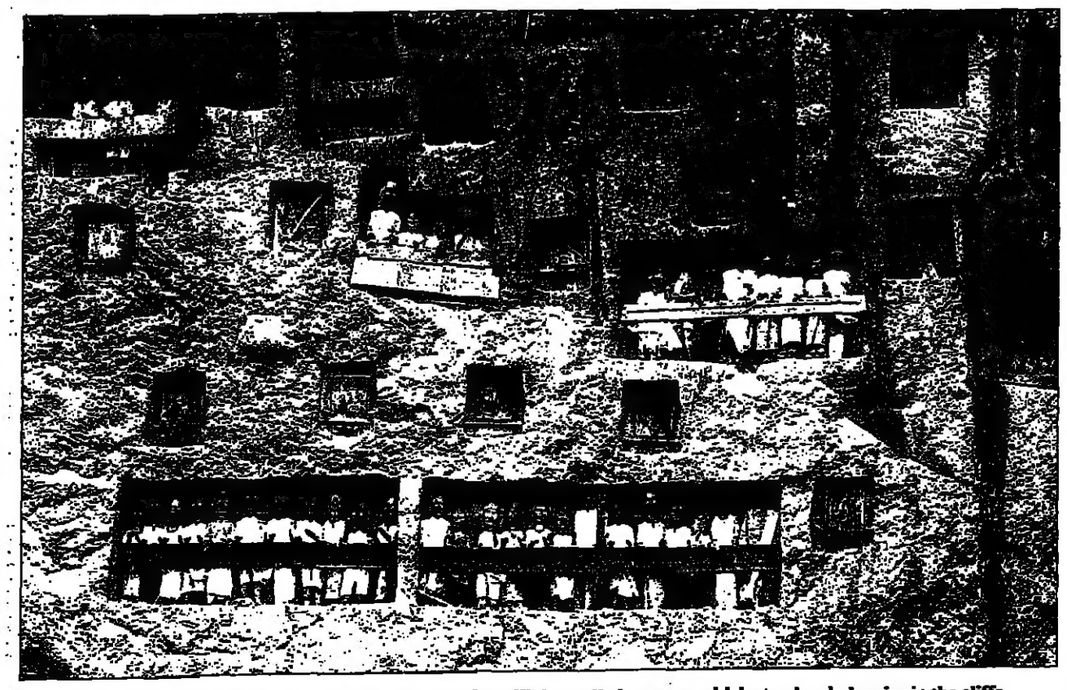
- Getting there: the Indonesian national airline Garuda flies from London to Ujung Padang via Jakarta. Trailfinders (071-938 3366) quotes from £764 return. For Rantepao, it is possible to hire an air-conditioned minibus or take the public Liman Express buses. There is a daily flight, although it operates only if there are enough passengers and the weather permits.
- Hotels: in Ujung Padang, the best hotels are the almost new Marannu City Hotel and the Makassar Golden; Pondok Suanda Indah is a charming colonial style hotel. In Rantepao, the Toraja Cottages and Hotel Misiliana are the most comfortable. There are dozens of simpler and cheaper places to stay. Indonesian Express (071-491 4469) arranges bespoke itineraries.
- When to go: spring and autumn are probably the best times. The monsoon period is from November to March, but even at their worst the rains usually hold off until late afternoon.
- Language and conduct: in Torajaland few people outside the hotels speak English, but guides with adequate English can be found without difficulty. Extremely casual dress is considered unseemly, especially at funeral ceremonies.



Burial tombs: the dead are immortalized in wooden effigies, called *tau-tau*, which stand on balconies in the cliffs

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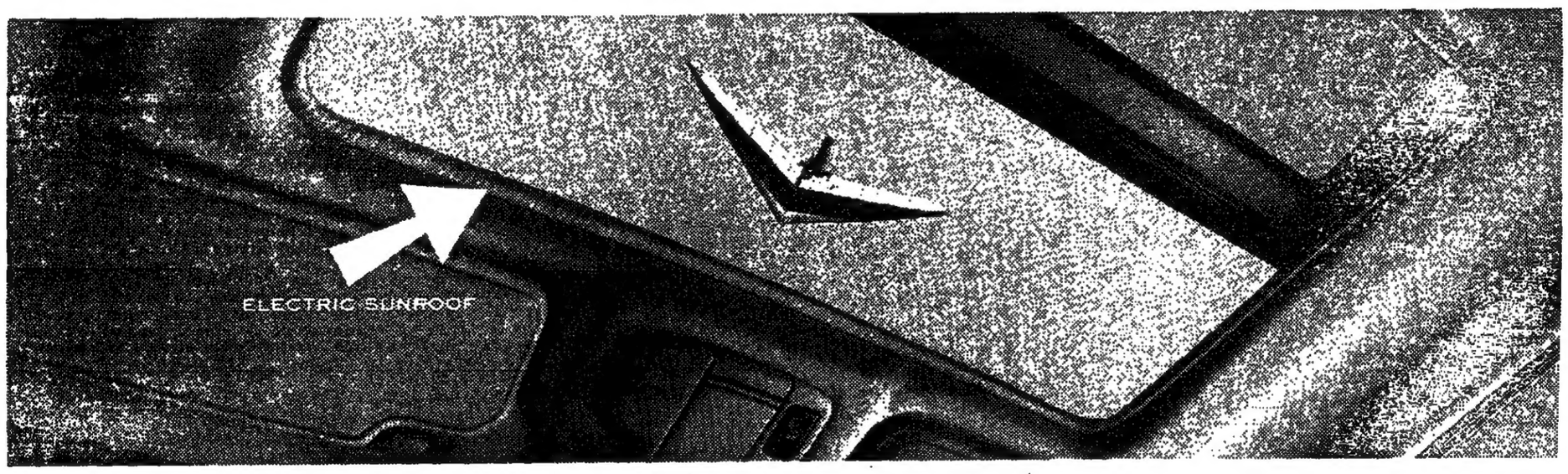

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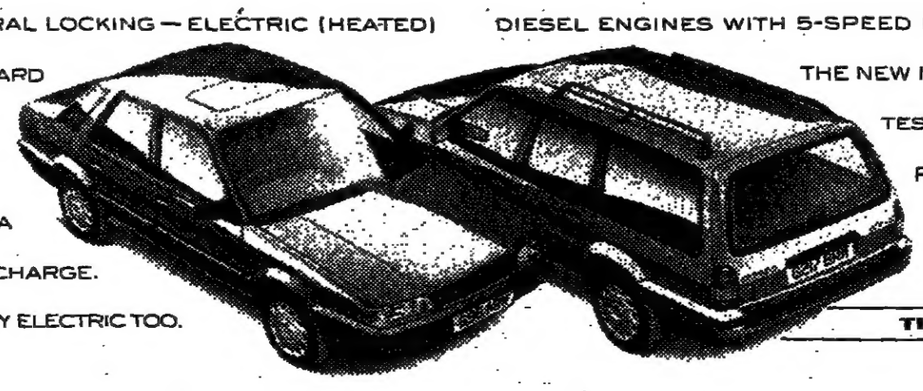

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